

chapter.4





WHAT DID
YOU DO?!

KIDOU!




YOSHINO-
SAN!



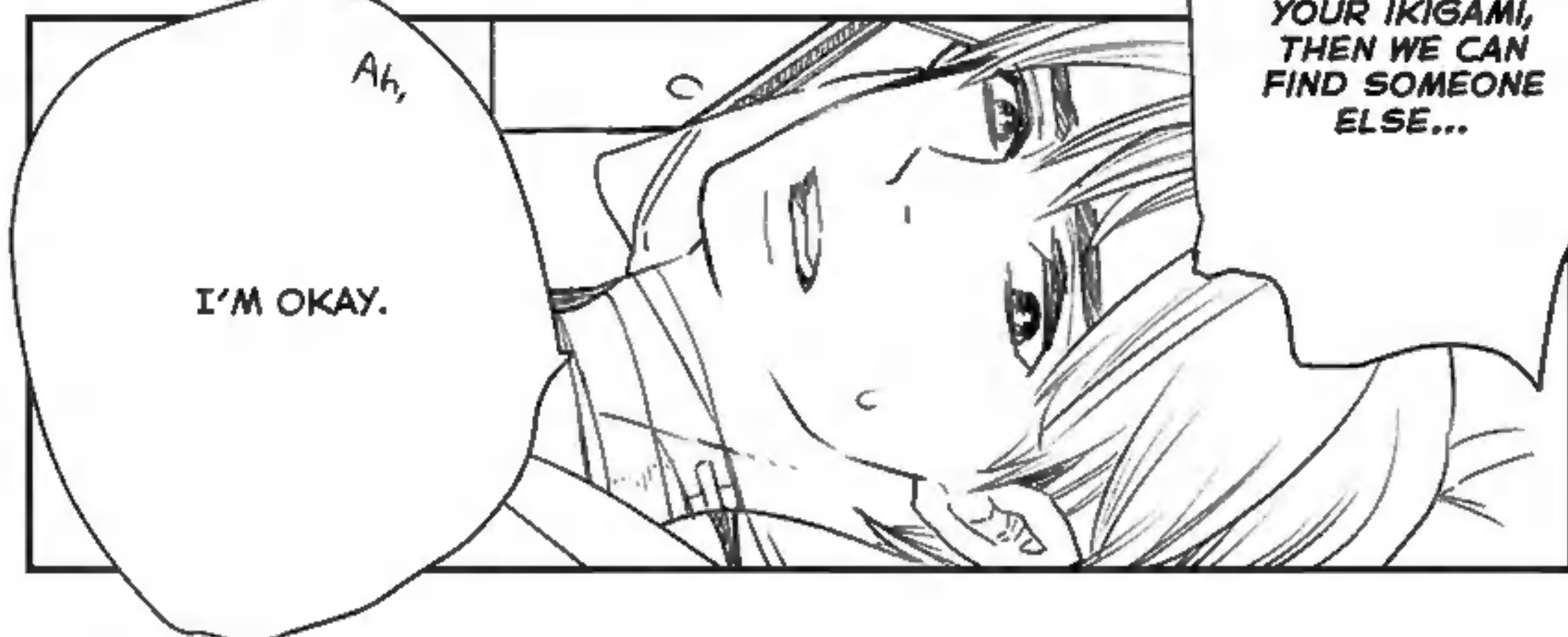
YOSHINO-SAN!
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?!

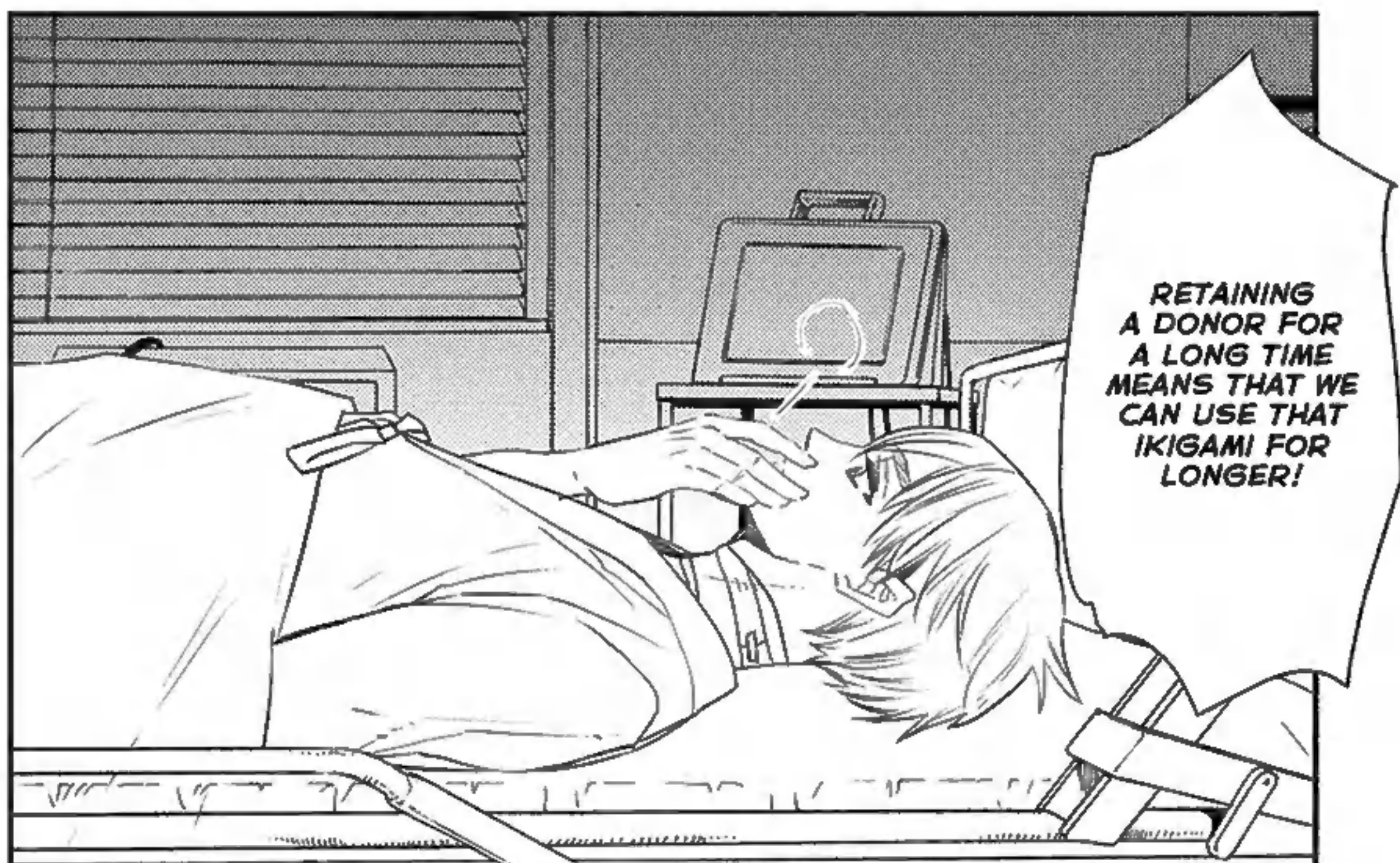
I'm alright,
Kidou.

I'm okay.



So don't pull
that face.










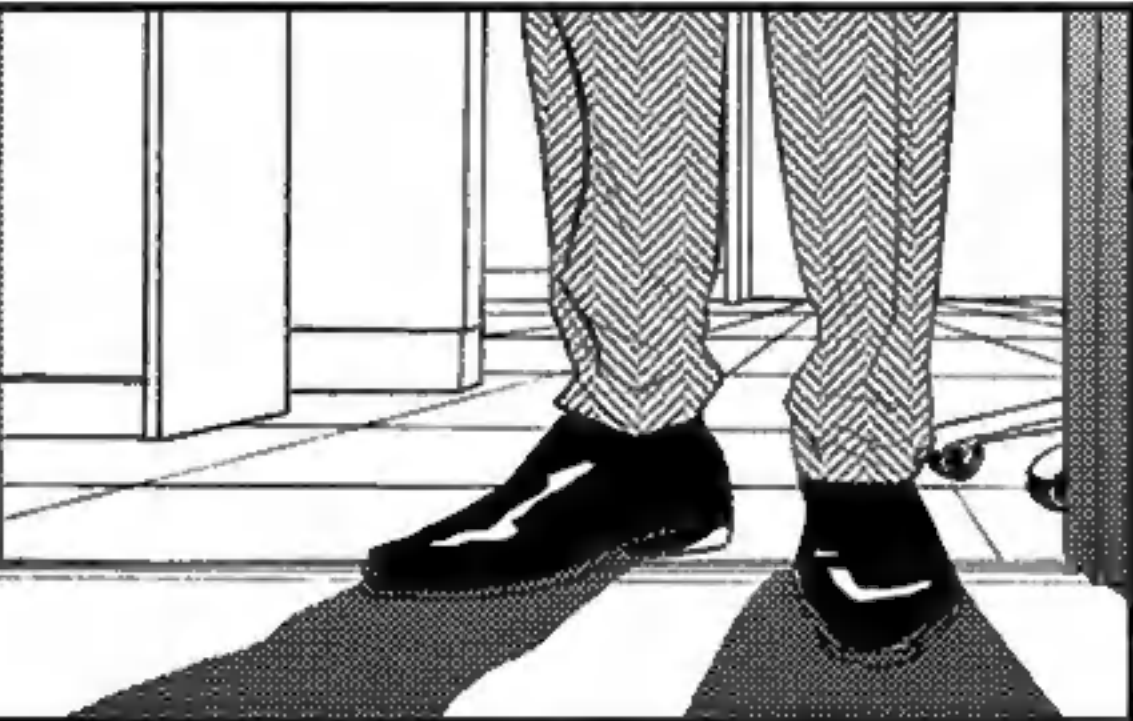
I WAS JUST
CURIOUS,



HOW THEY
RAISED HIM
UNDER THIS
ENVIRONMENT.

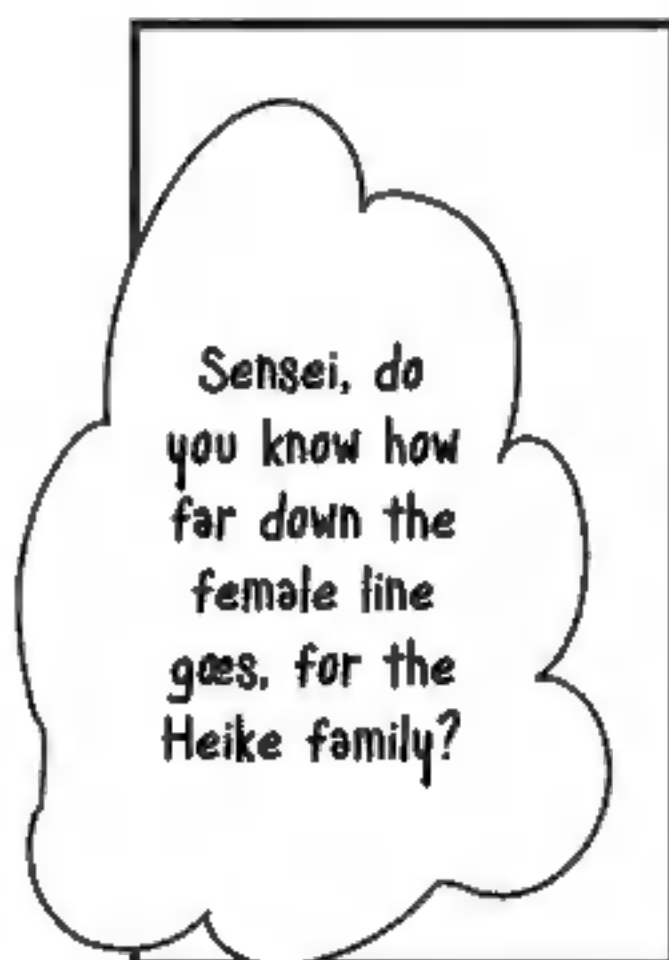


...YOU
ARE A
KIND
MAN.



KIDOU IS
LUCKY TO HAVE
YOU AS HIS
DONOR.







I MEAN,
I HAVEN'T
HEALED
KIDOU IN
A WHILE
NOW.



I
HAVEN'T
KISSED
KIDOU IN
A WHILE
NOW.

The
youngest
daughter's
son's
grandson
is-



HMM, I ONLY
KNOW OF THE
REIZEI FAMILY.
WHY DON'T
YOU TELL
ME?



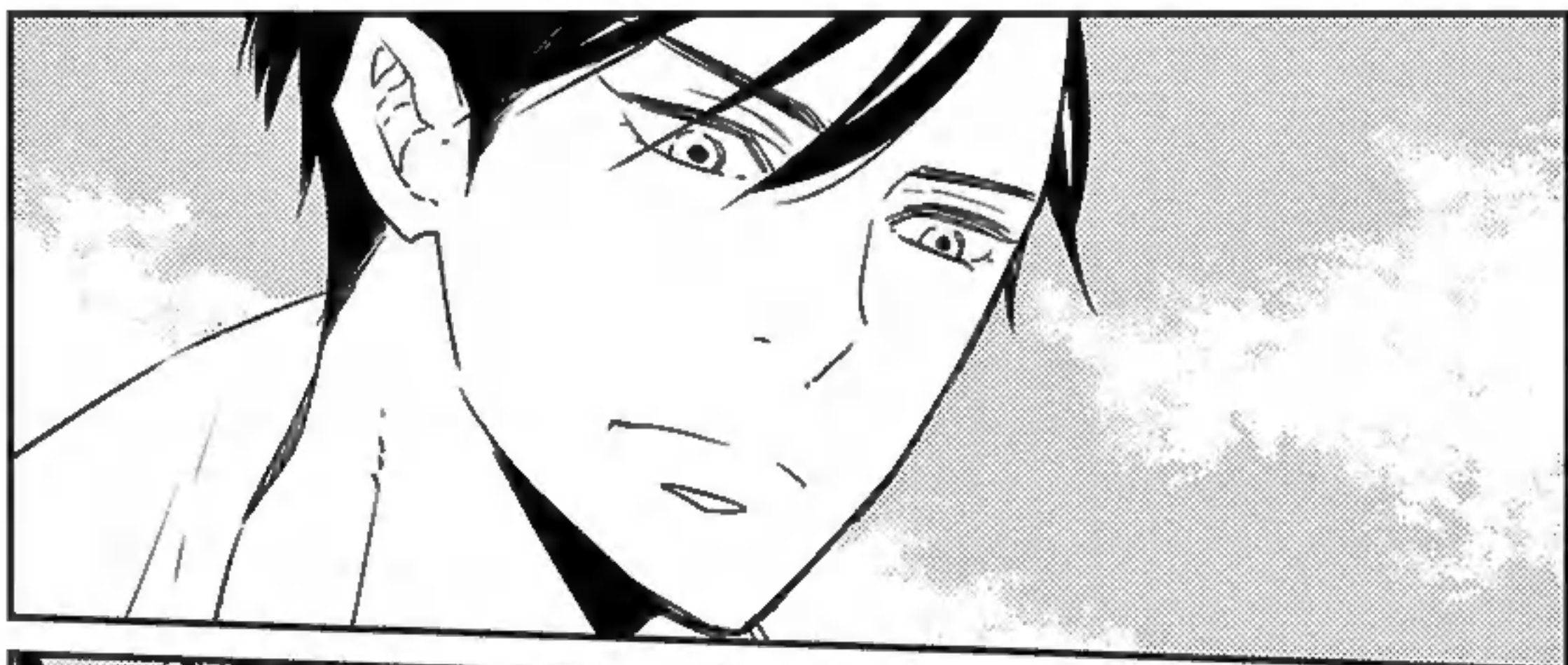
KNOCK
KNOCK



How is he
doing?

Hffr...

...



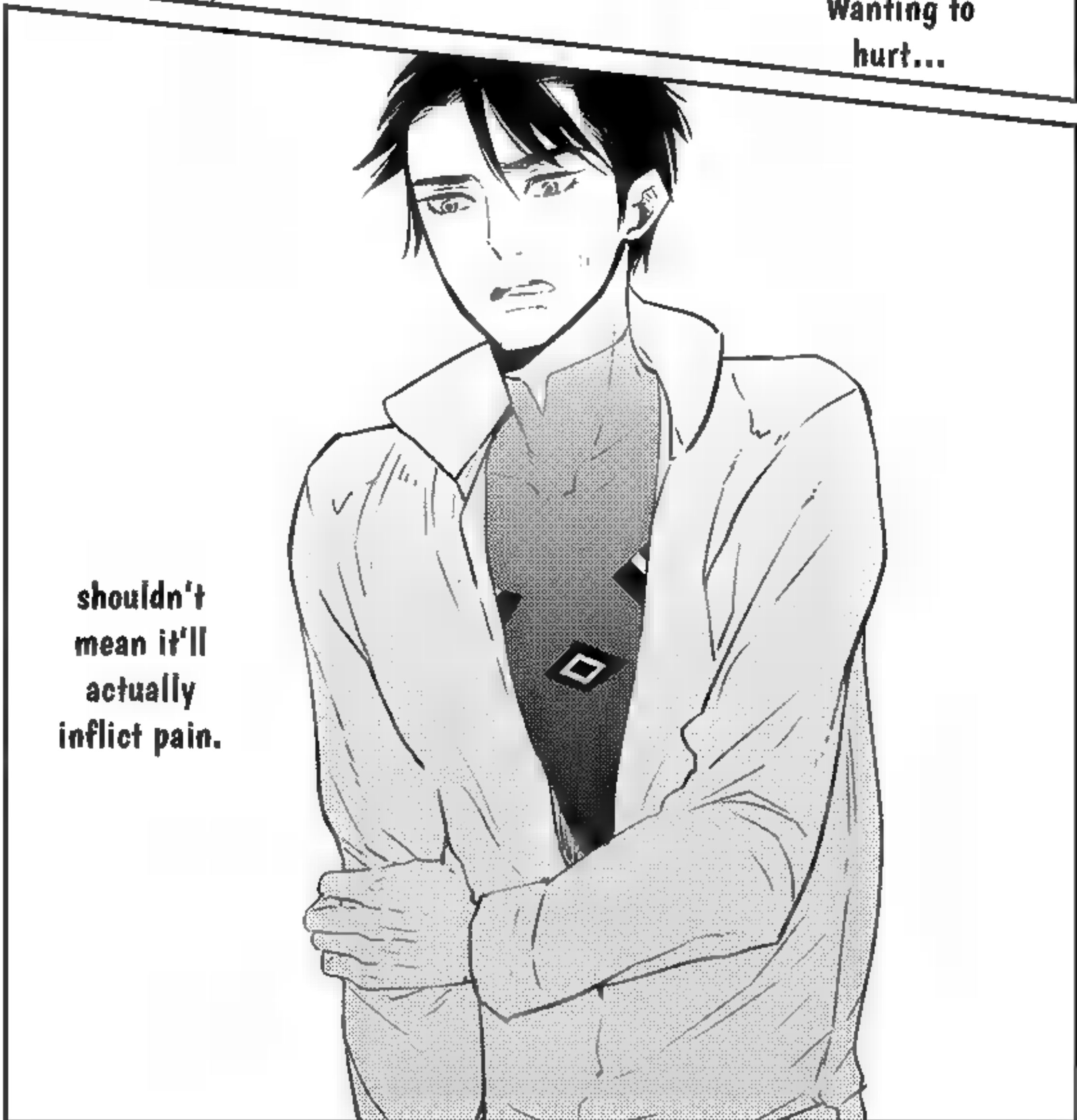




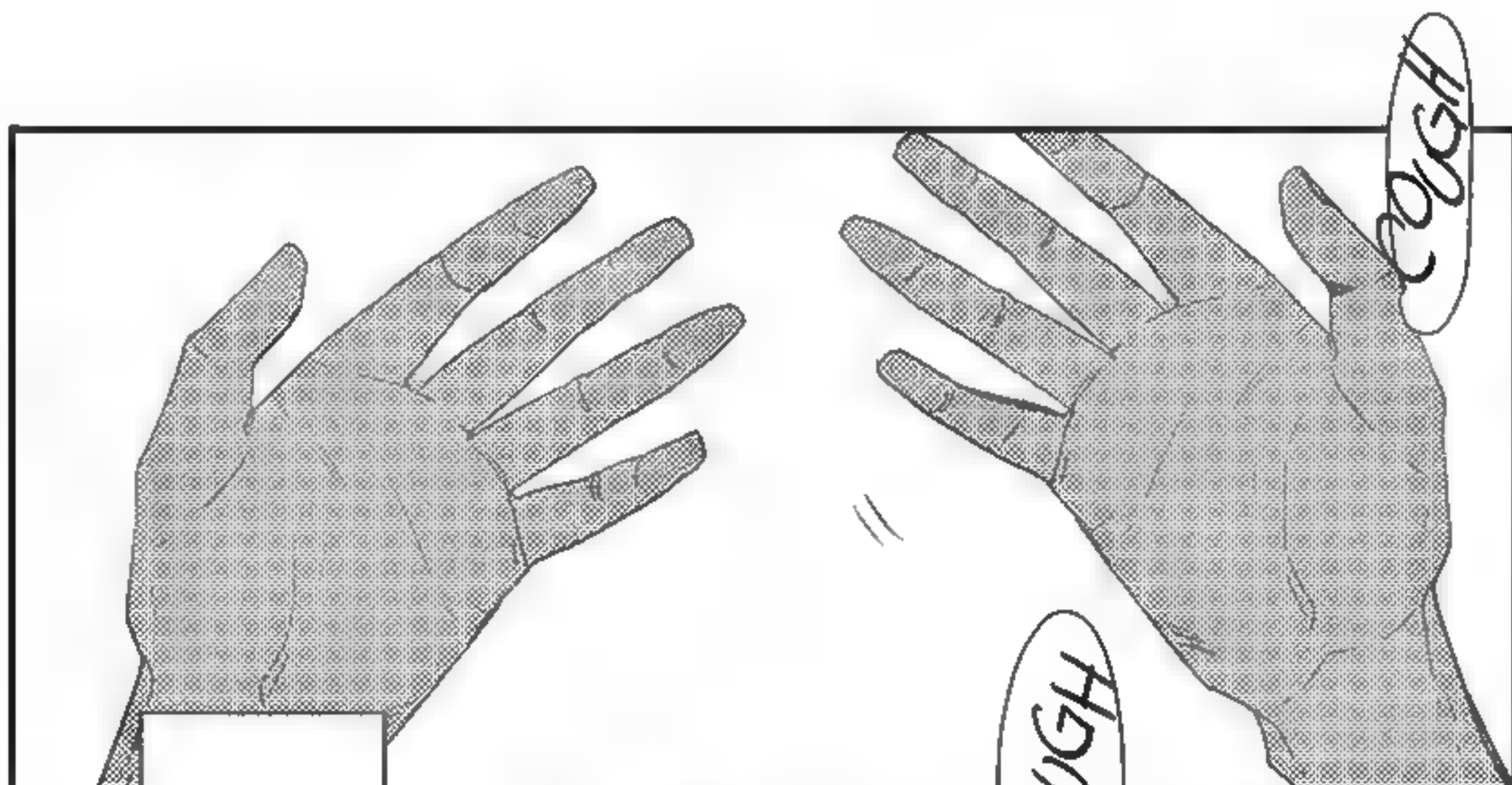




Wanting to
hurt...



shouldn't
mean it'll
actually
inflict pain.



That's
what
scares
me.

KIDOU.

Krick



THAT'S FINE.
AND THAT'S
MUCH BETTER
FOR YOSHINO-
SAN TOO.



HM...

WHAT?



BLOOD
TRANS-
FUSION.

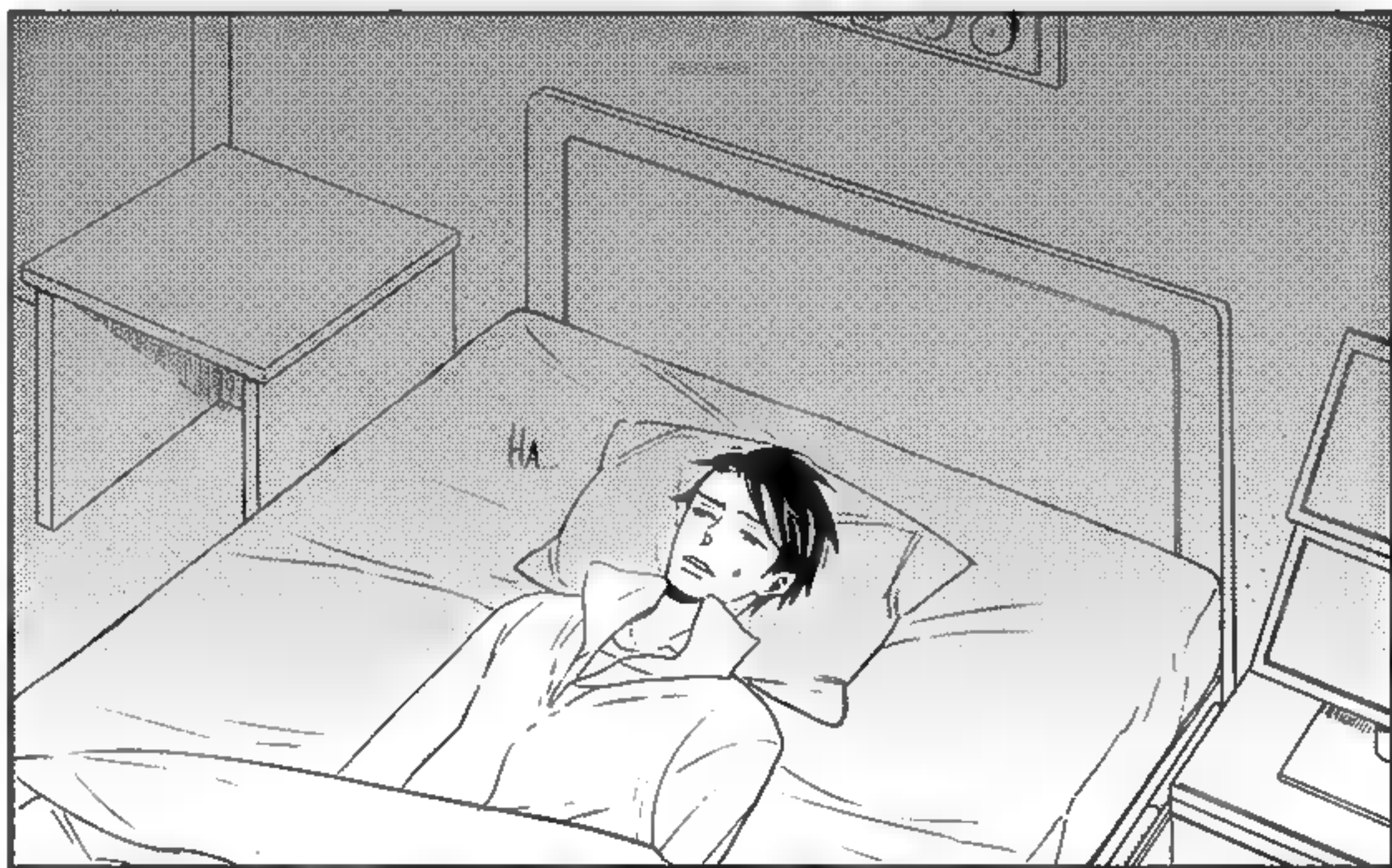
WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR
TREATMENT
TODAY?



Cough

Huh?








IT'S DIFFICULT.



HE JUST
KEEPS
GETTING
SICK...!

EVER SINCE OUR
CHILD BECAME
LIKE THAT, WE
HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING.

NOT EVEN
MEDICINE
WORKS.

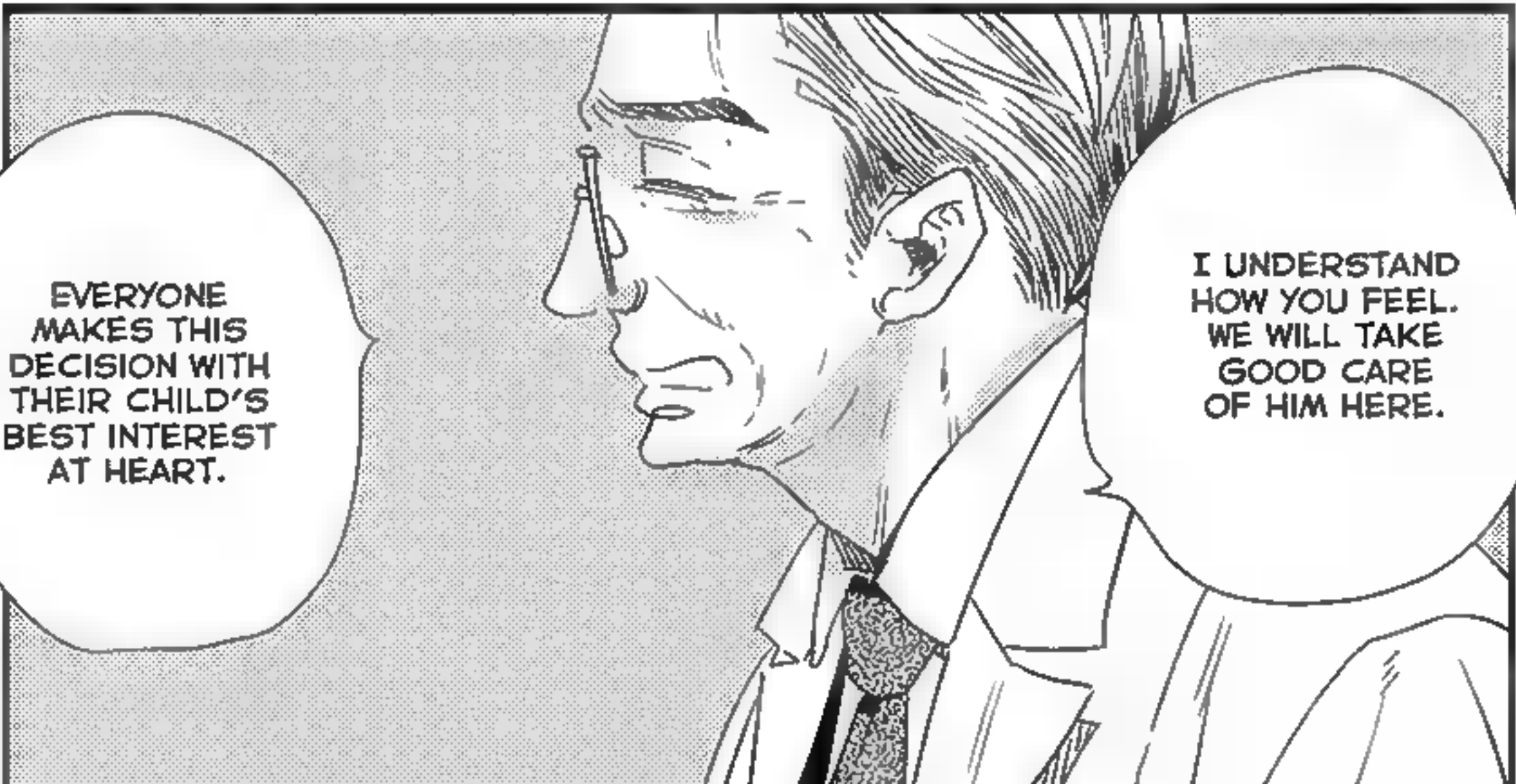


AND THEN
IT CONTAMI-
NATES OUR
OTHER CHILD.

WE KNOW
WHAT HORRIBLE
PARENTS WE
ARE....!

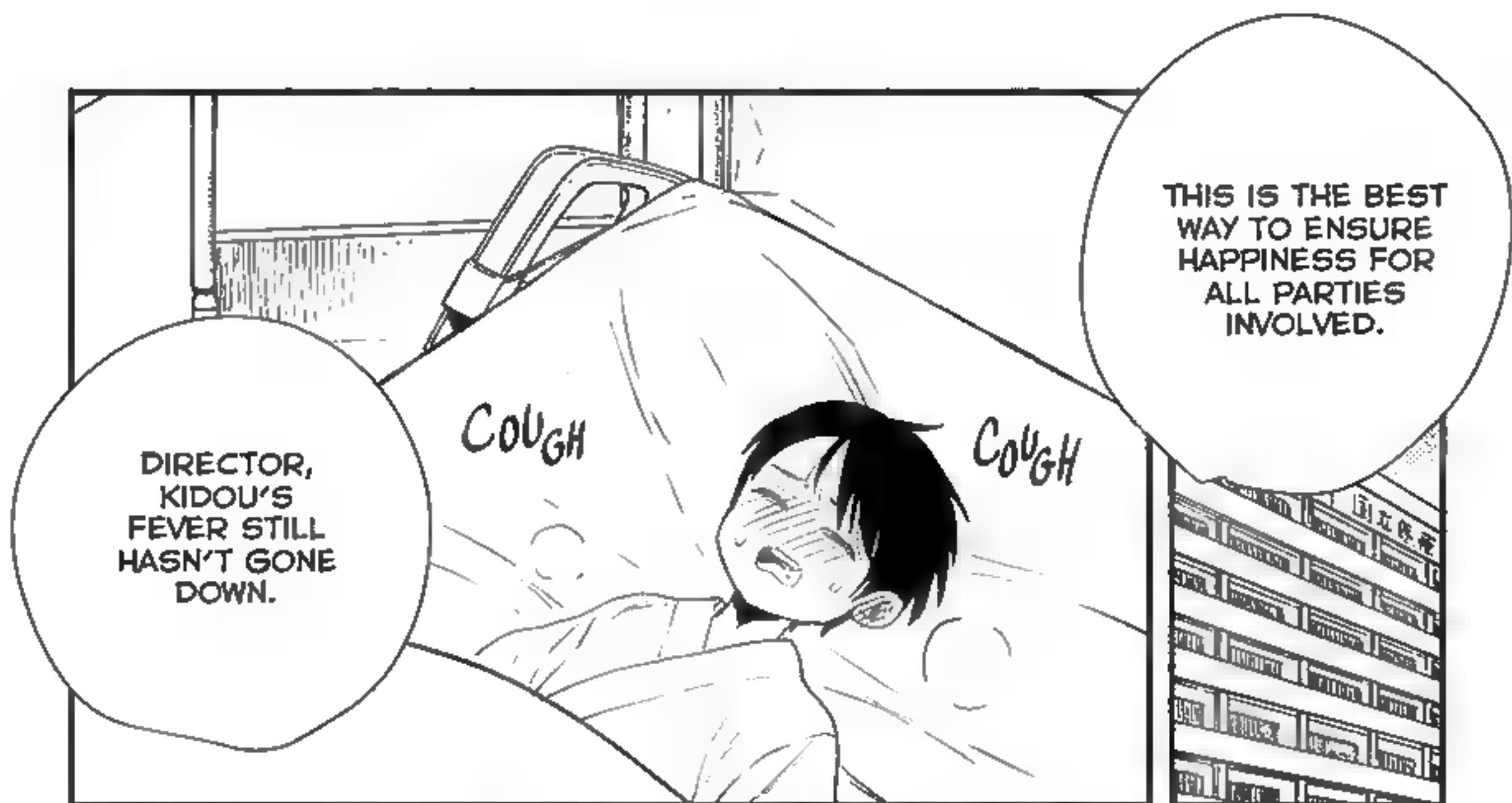
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BUT...

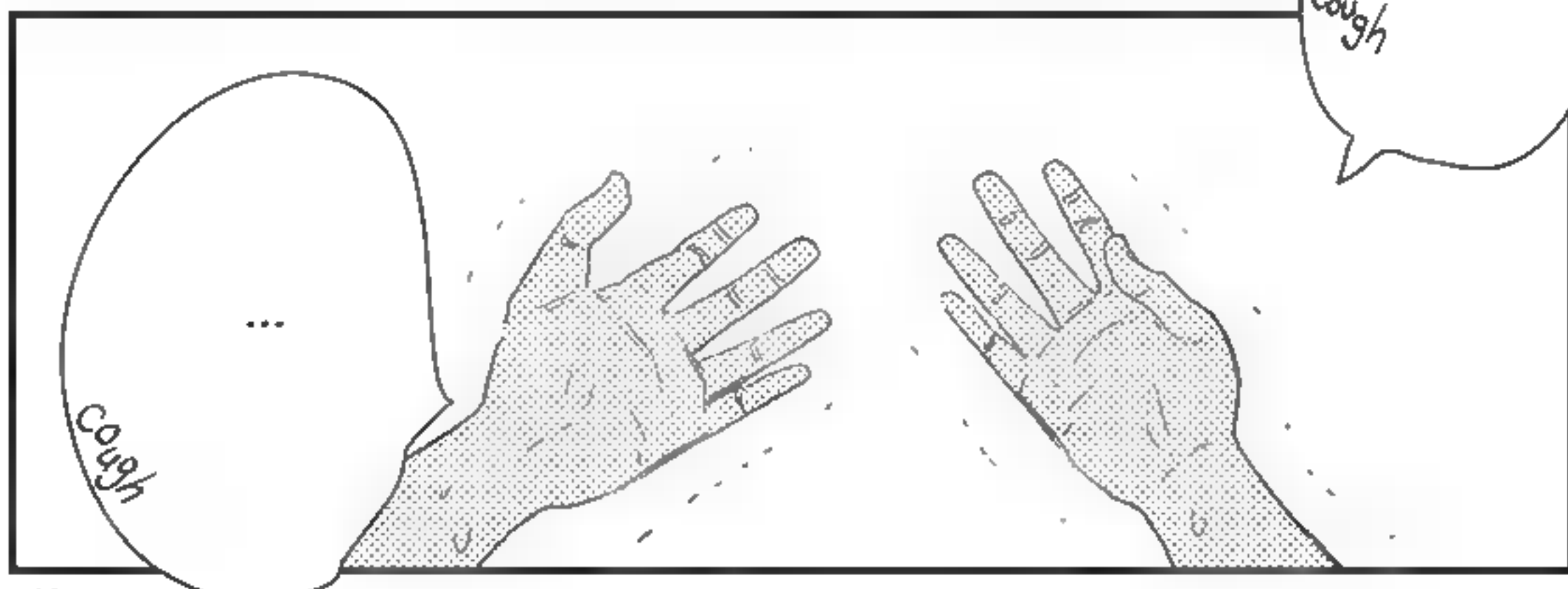
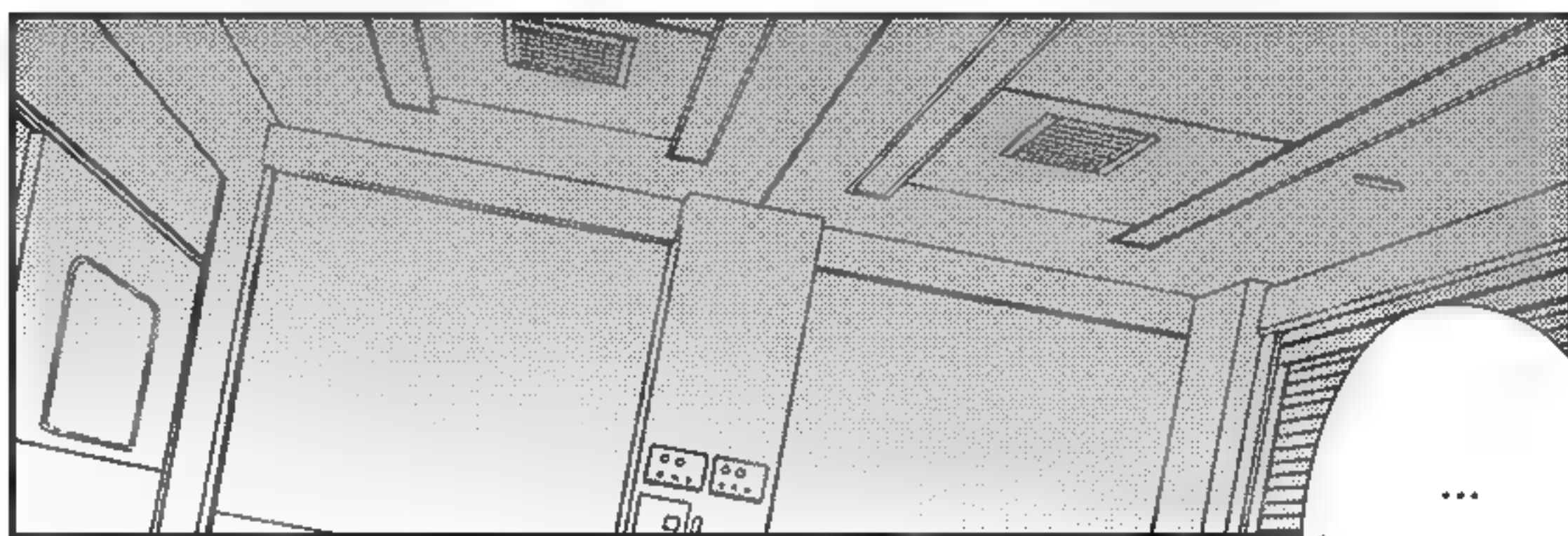
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H
I CAN'T
BEAR TO
SEE THAT
CHILD
CRY...



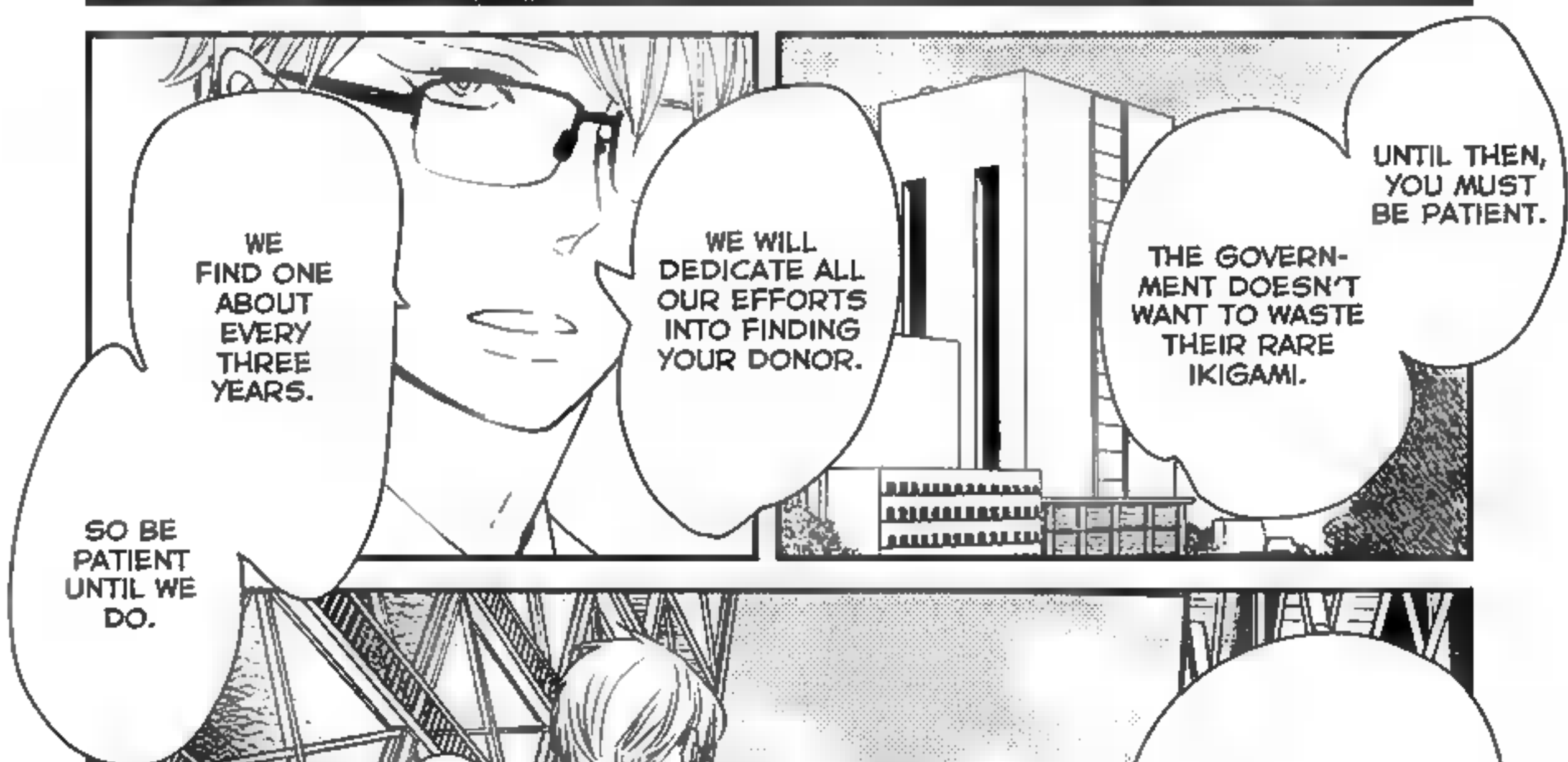
EVERYONE
MAKES THIS
DECISION WITH
THEIR CHILD'S
BEST INTEREST
AT HEART.

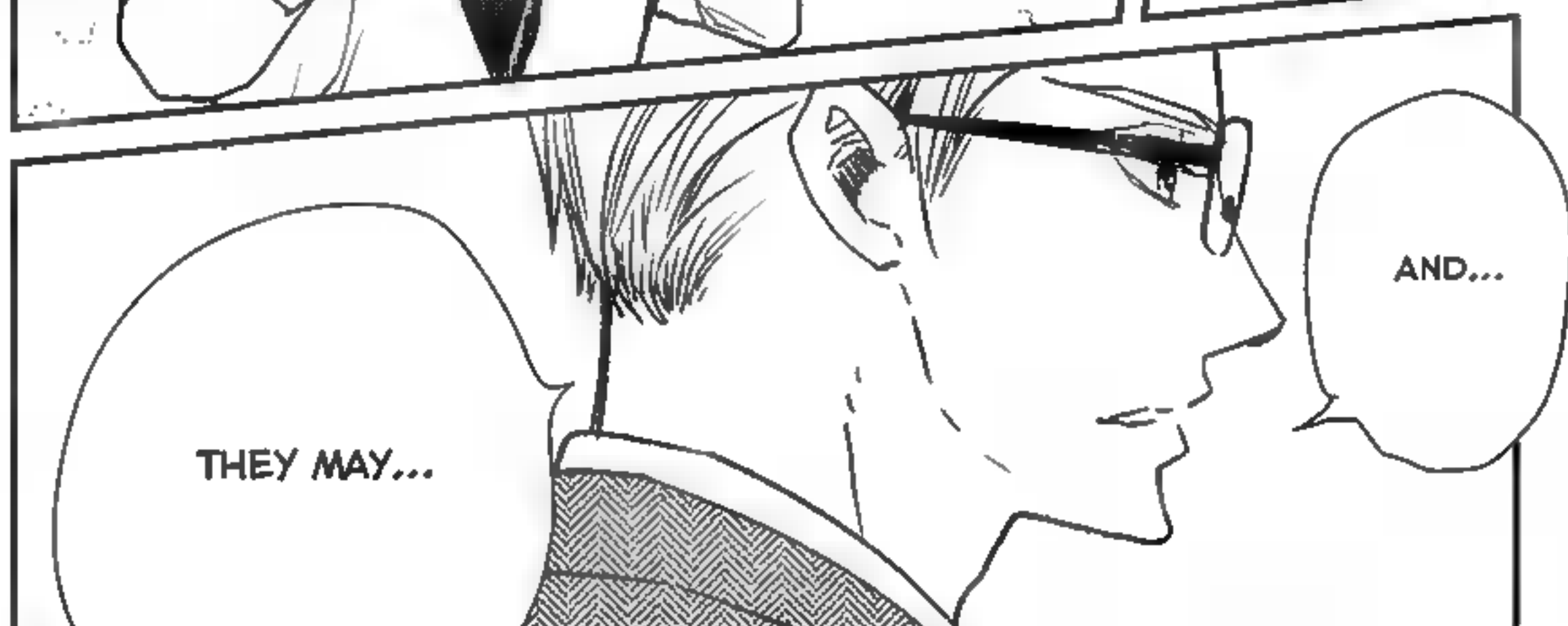
I UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU FEEL.
WE WILL TAKE
GOOD CARE
OF HIM HERE.

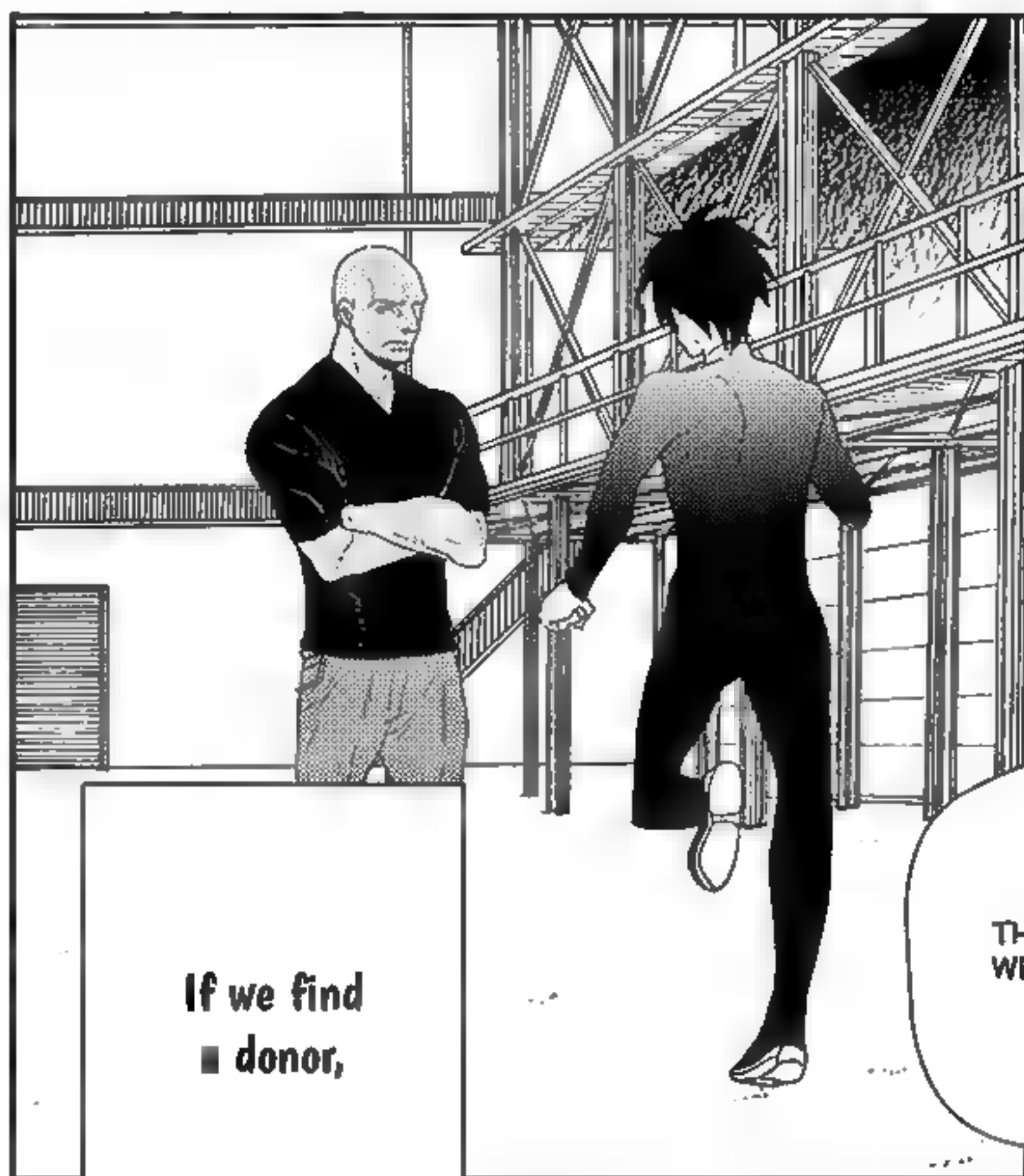












If we find
■ donor,

THAT'S
WEIRD.

WHAT THE
HELL?



WHAT
DID YOU
DO?!

KIDOU!!





PROBABLY
BECAUSE OF THE
INCIDENT LAST
TIME...



NOISE...



KIDOU?



YOU
COULD HAVE
CALLED ME
IF YOU WERE
FEELING
SICK.

WHAT?
YOU'VE
BEEN NEXT
DOOR THE
WHOLE
TIME?



GET OUT.

...

DON'T JUST
COME BARGING
IN HERE.



Here!

...!

Don't push
yourself too
hard. Let's fix
that cold,
shall we?



IT'LL GO
DOWN WITH A
KISS, WON'T
IT?



YOU PISS ME
OFF. I TOLD YOU,
TO GET OUT.







Jolt

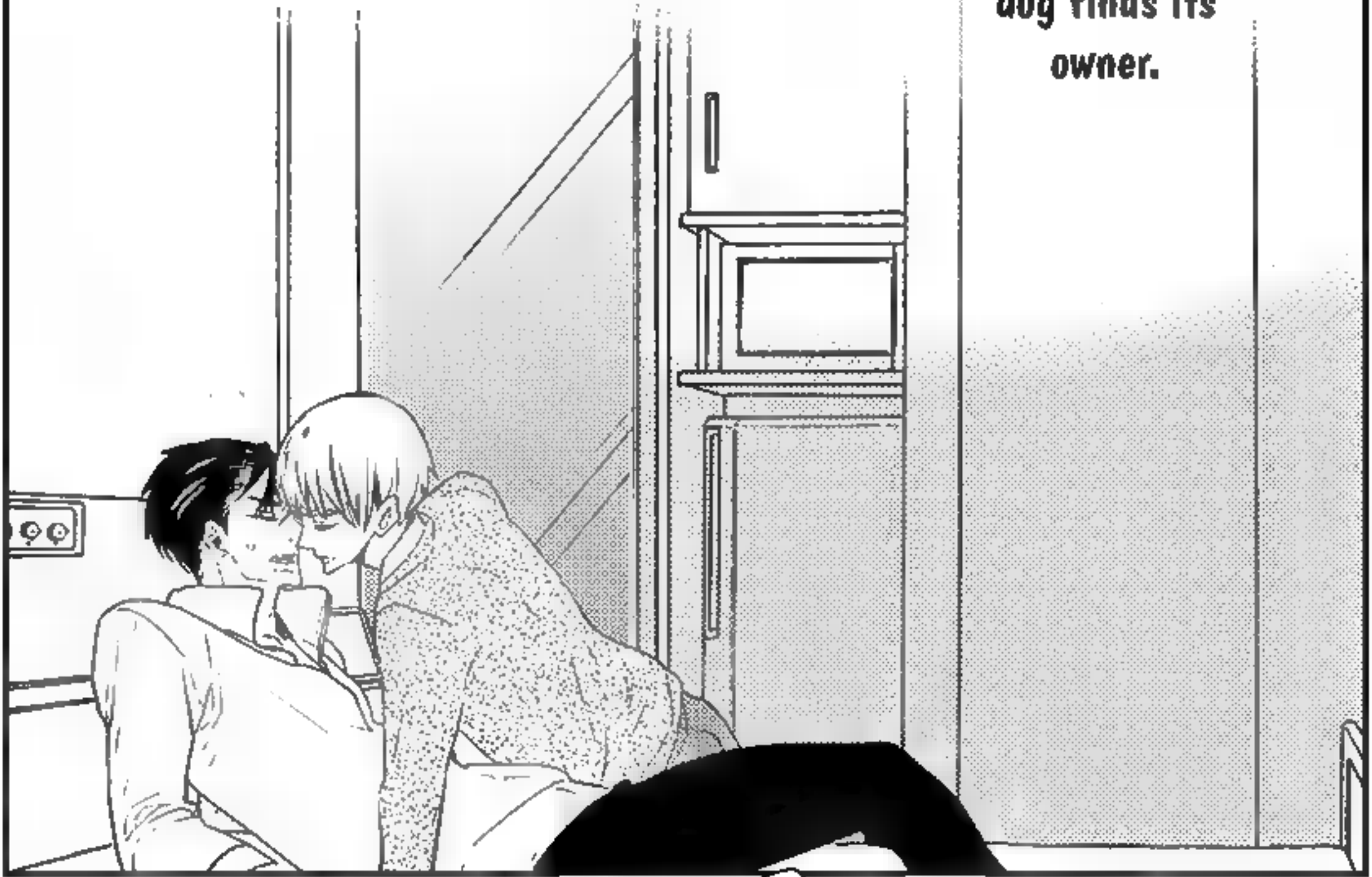
**A violent
kiss.**



**Like
entering an
air-conditioned
room in the
midst of
summer,**

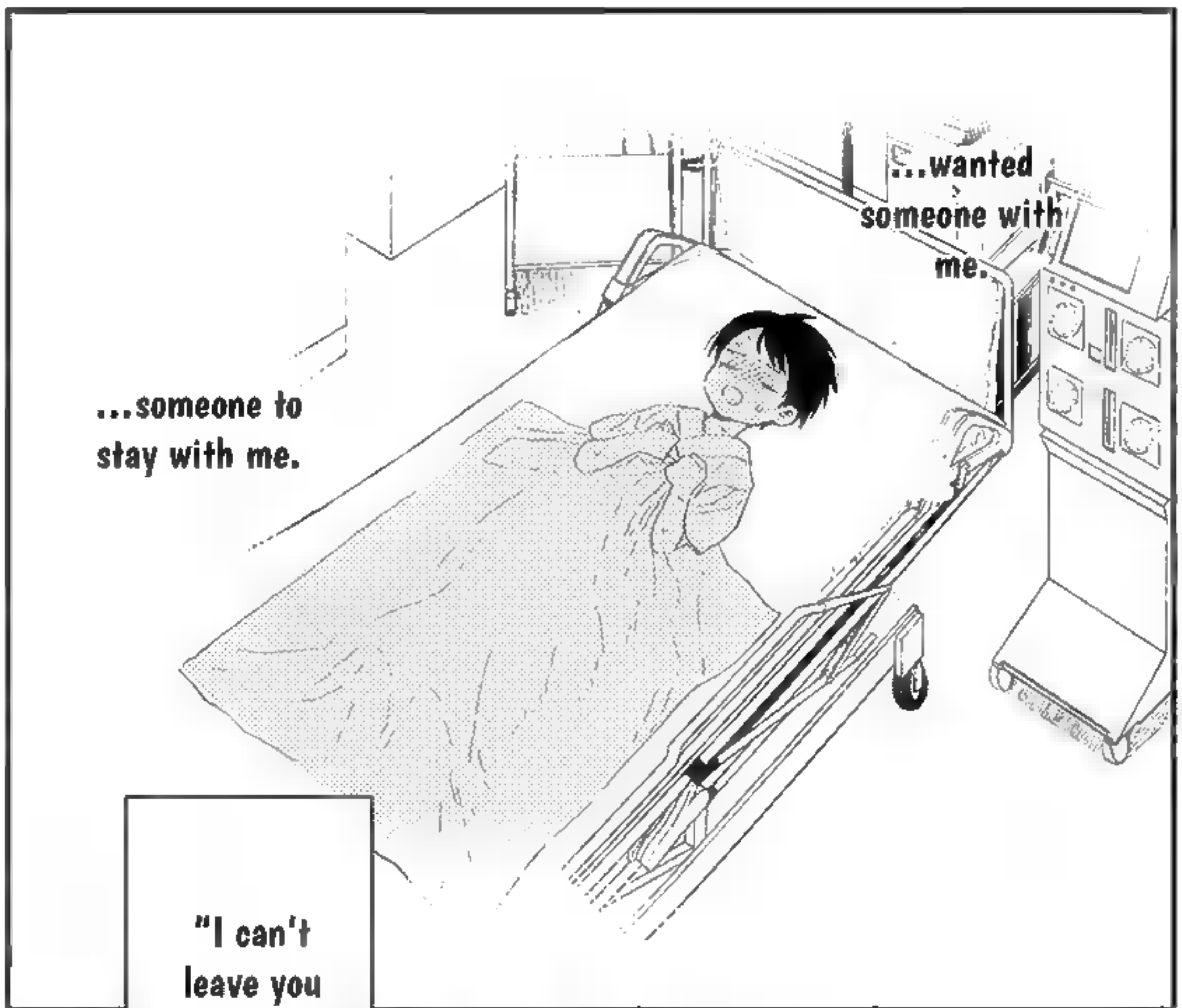
**or stepping
into a hot
shower in
the midst
of winter.**

Like when
an abandoned
dog finds its
owner.



NO...

I've
always...



...someone to
stay with me.

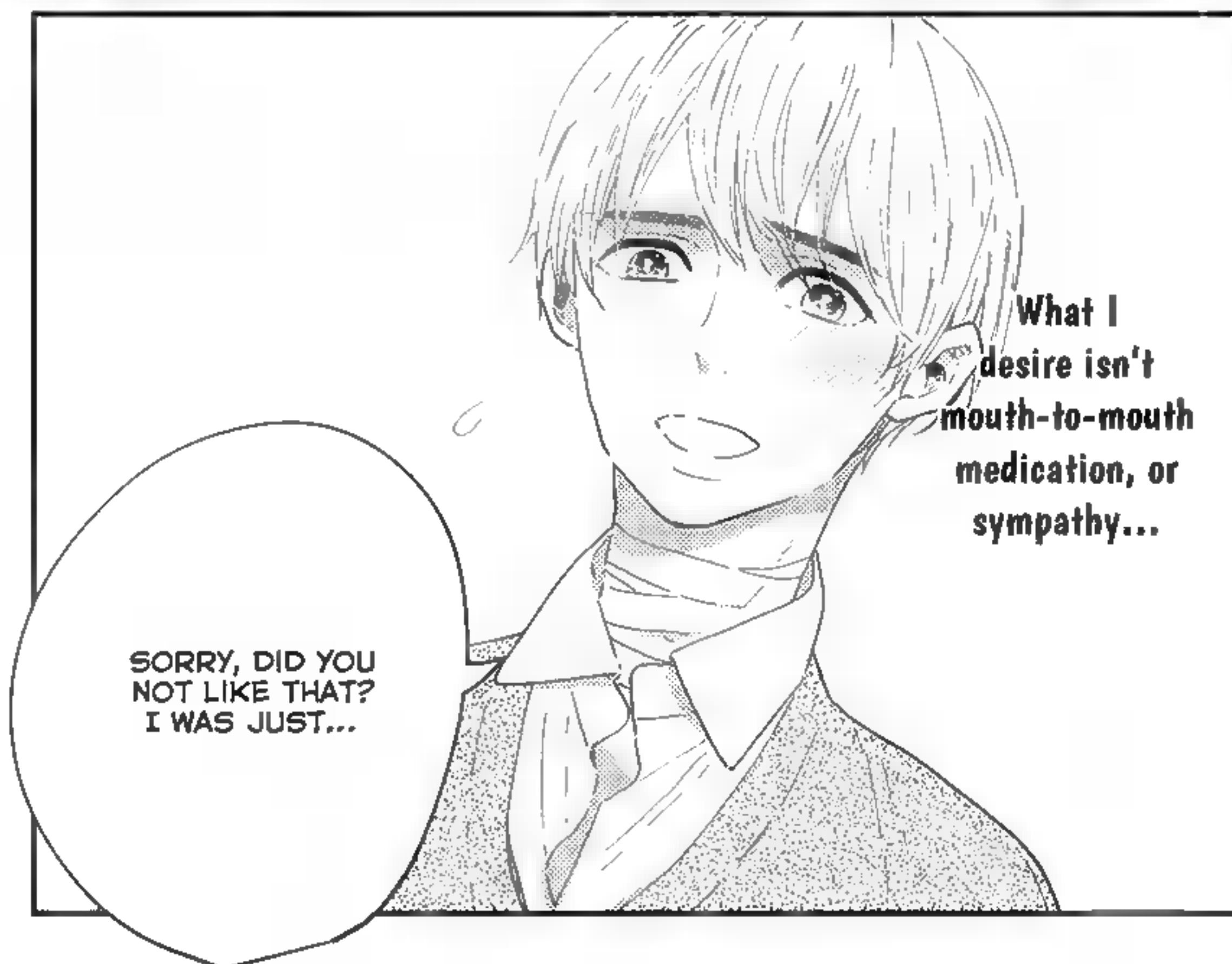
...wanted
someone with
me.

"I can't
leave you
alone."



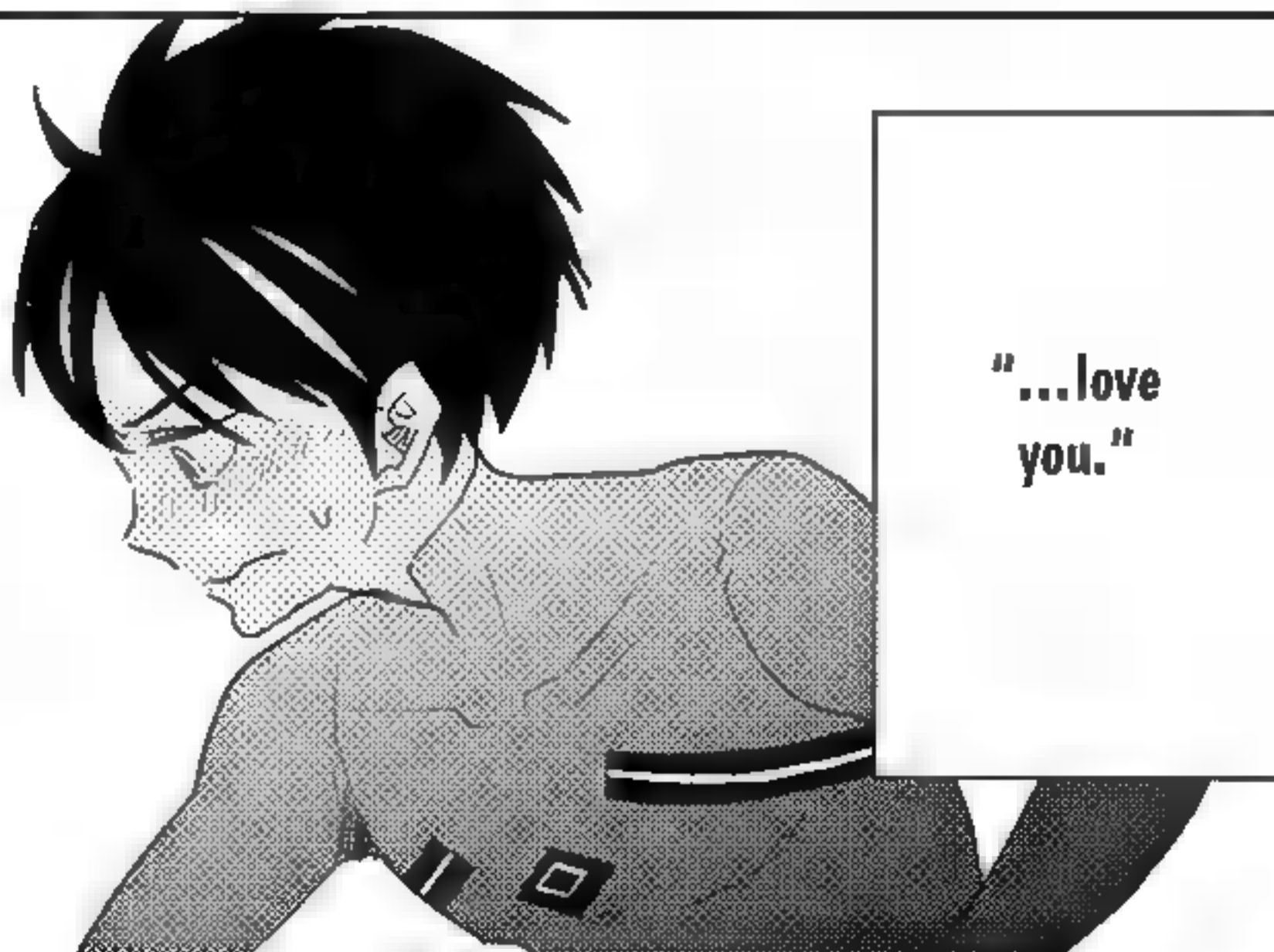
If they said
that to me,

...STOP!





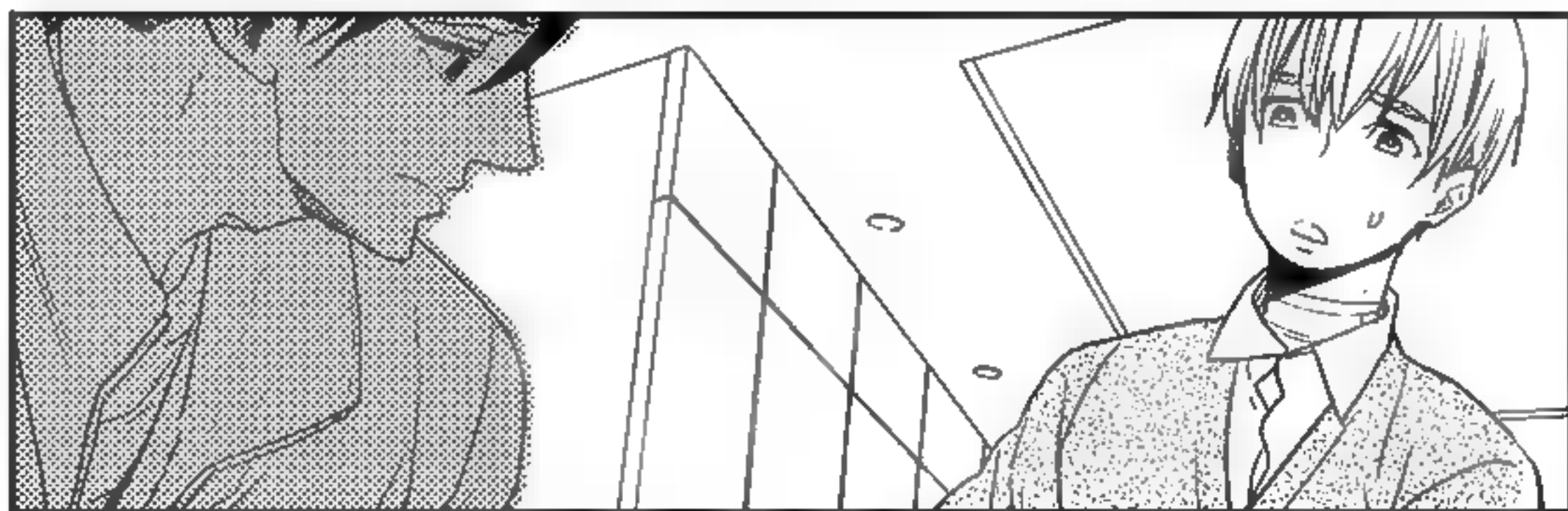
"THEY
MAY..."



"...love
you."



KIDOU...?

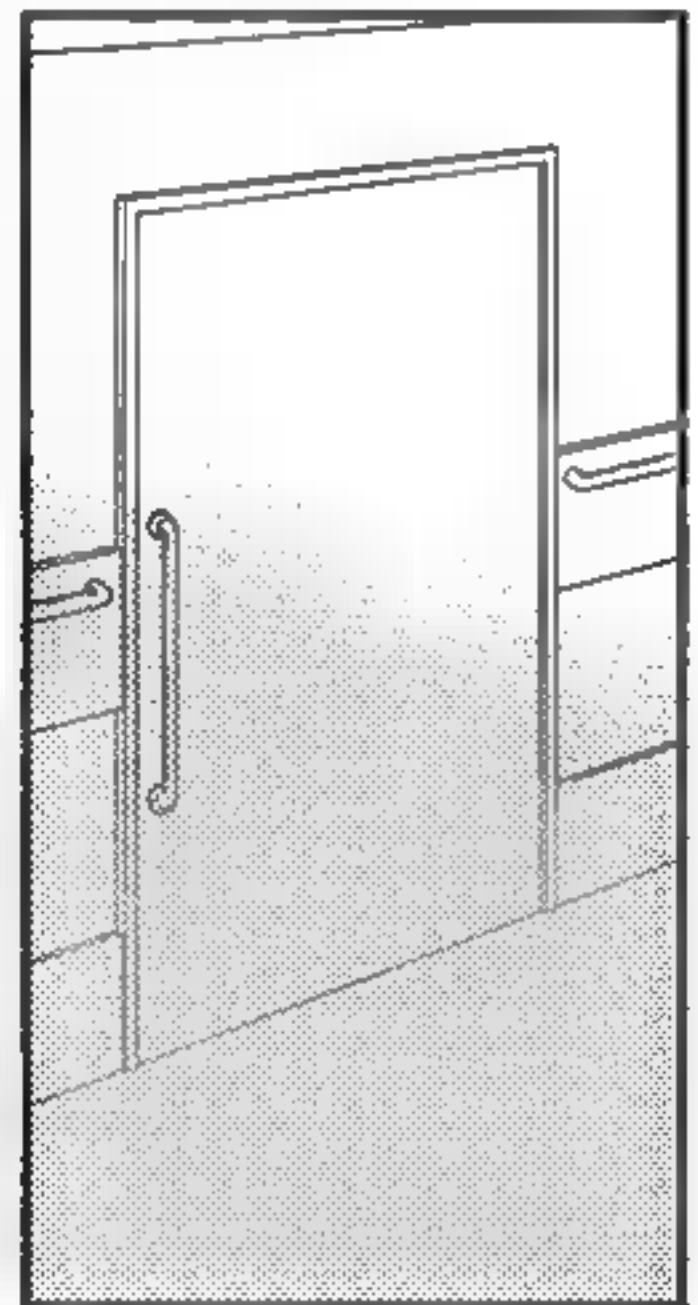
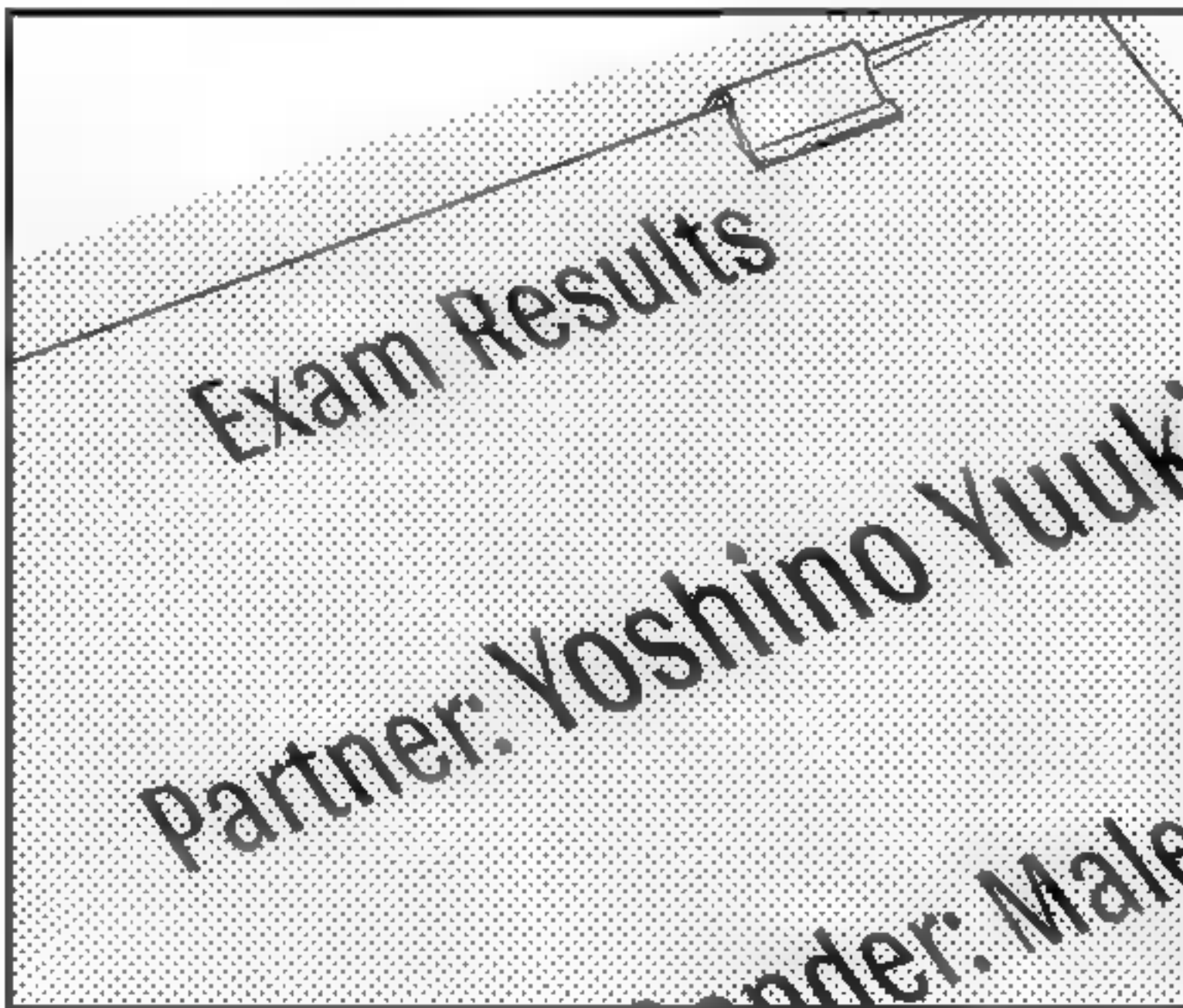
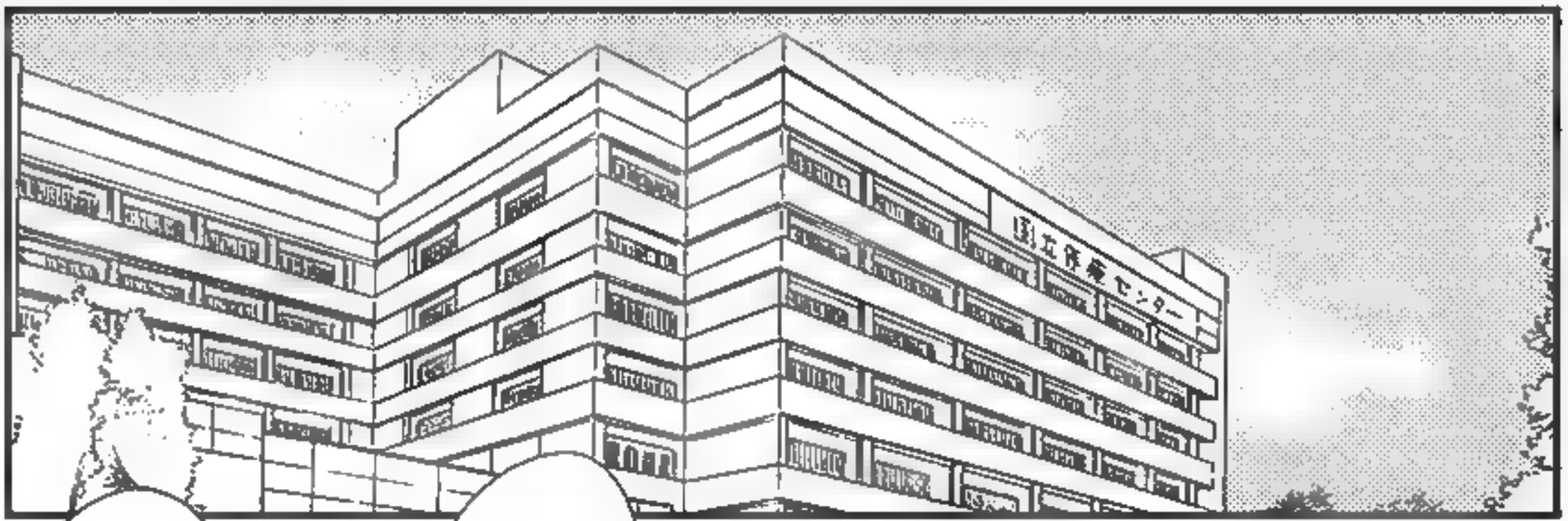


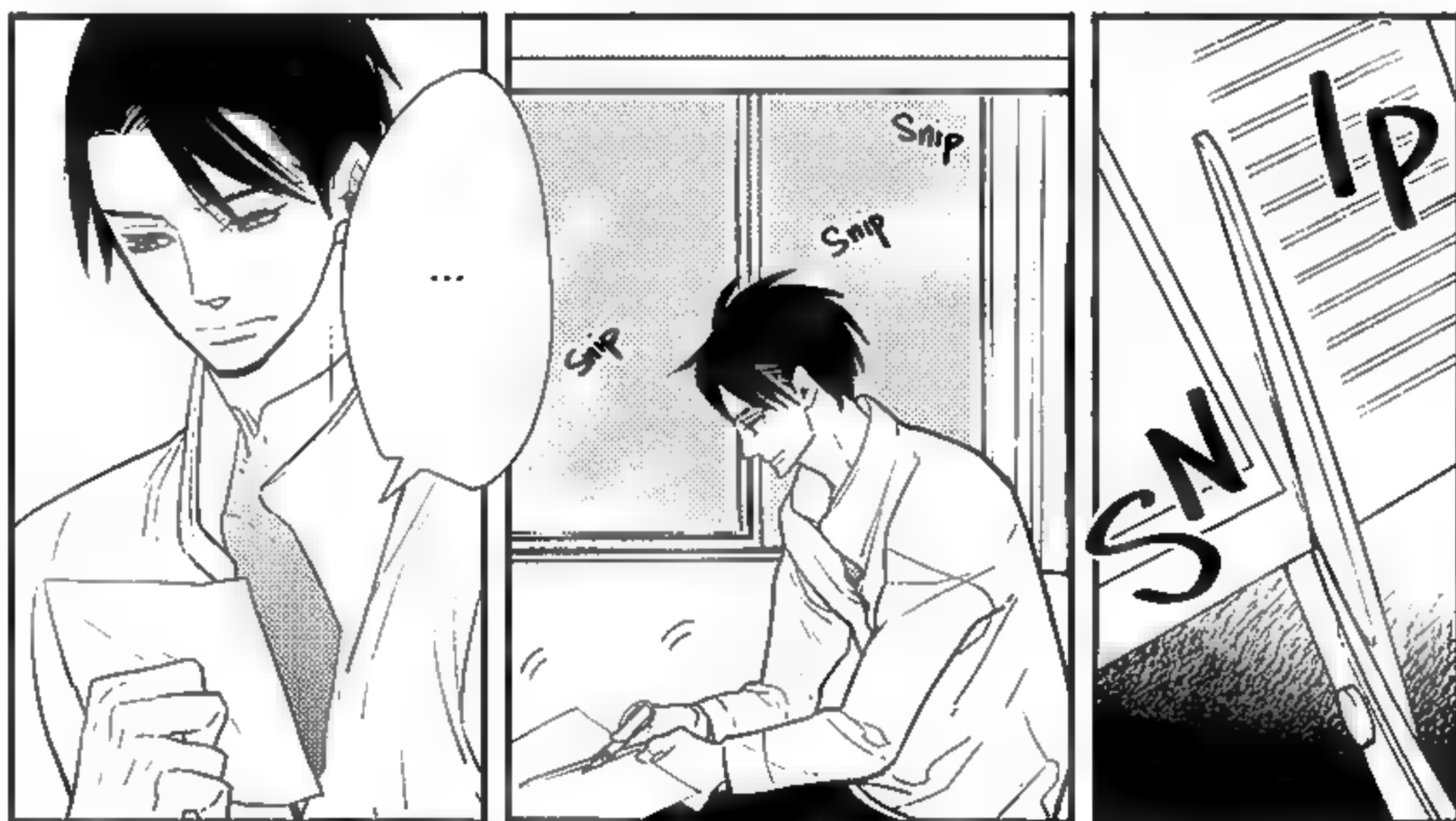
Hiko 日高

**IKIGAMI
& DONOR**

book (1).

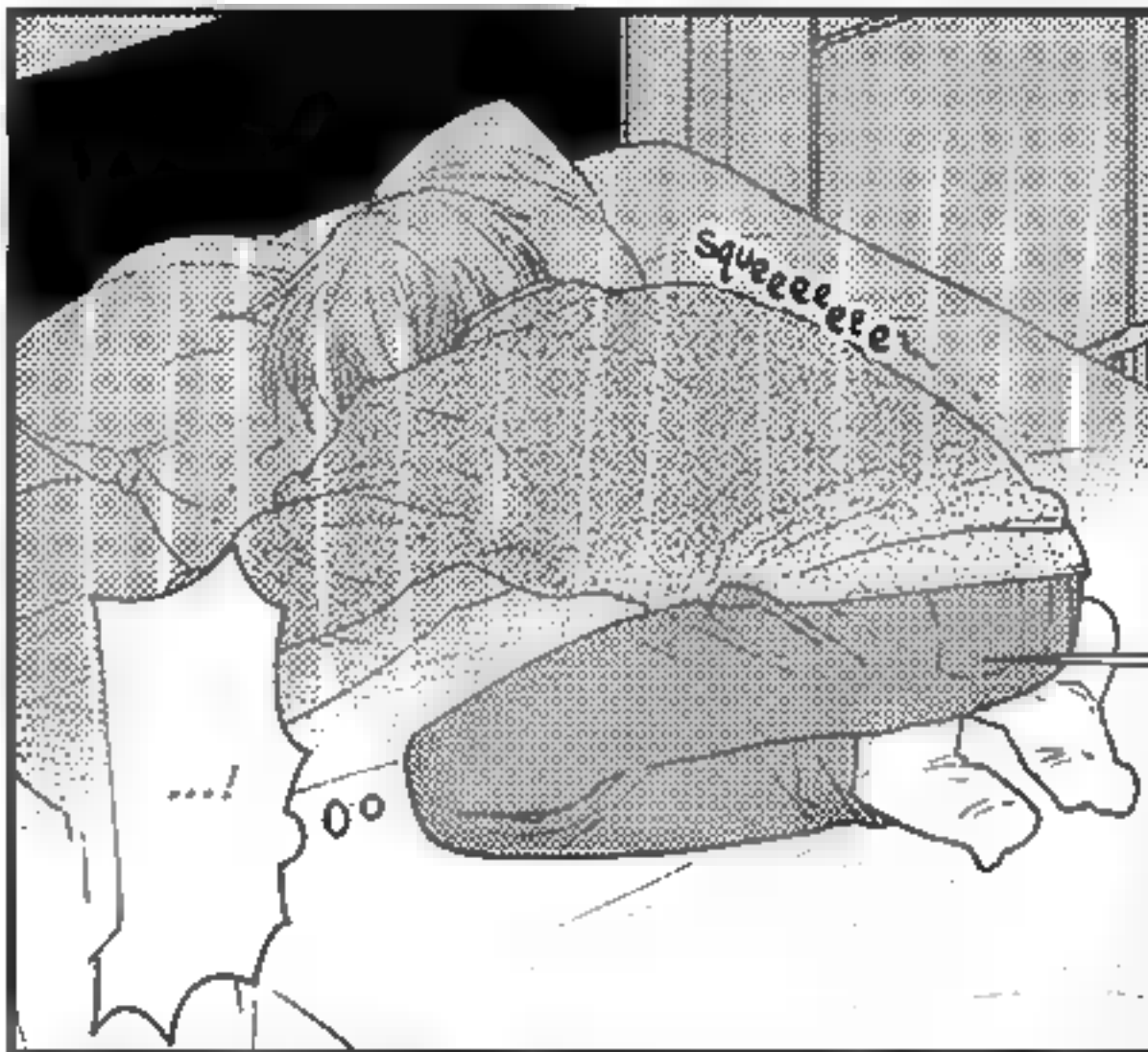








I was
dumped.

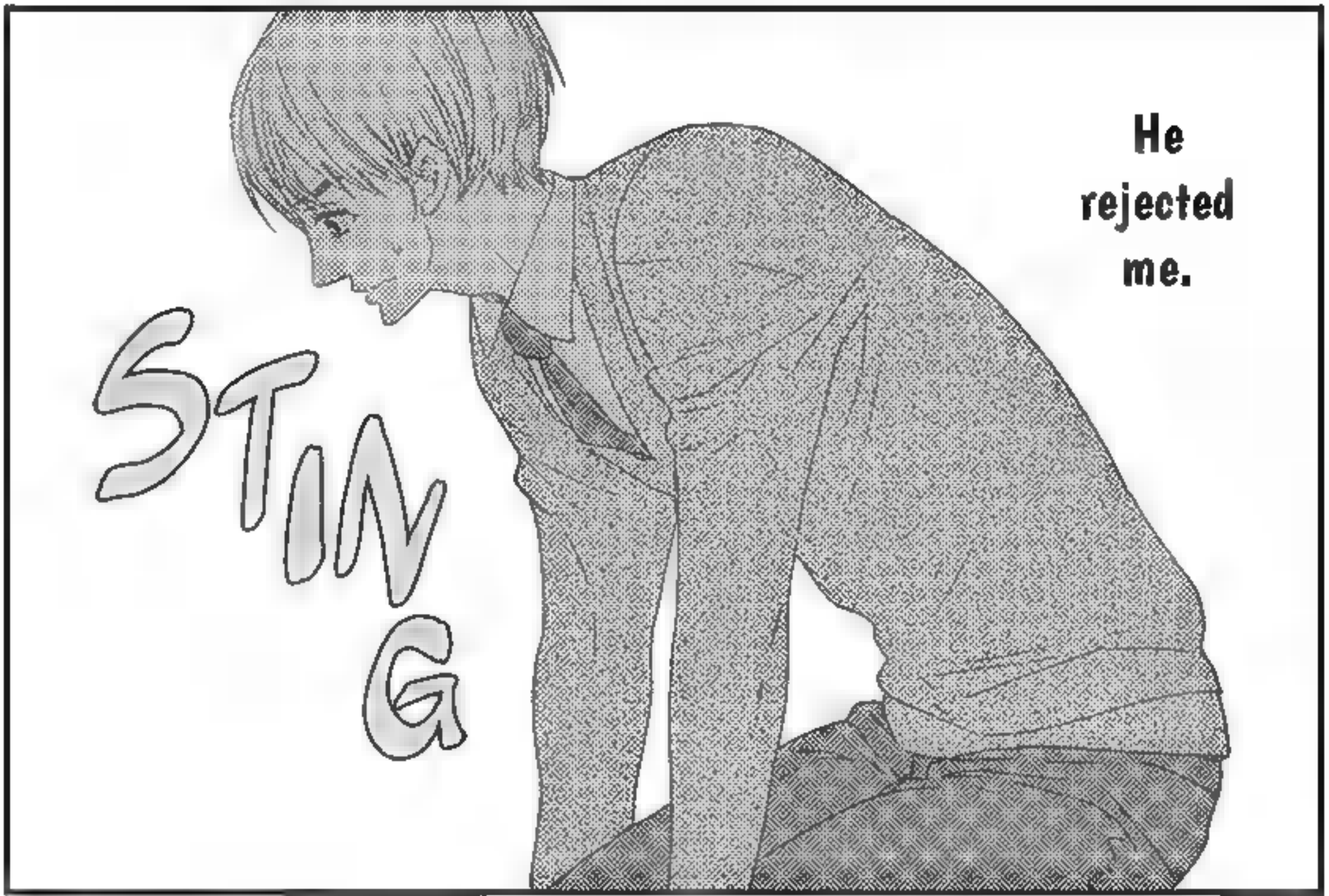


AUGH!!

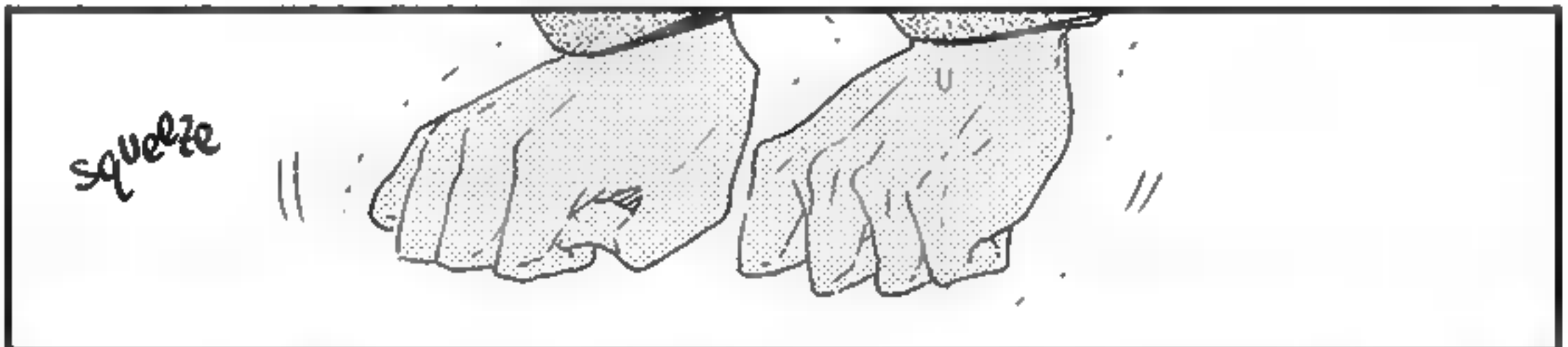


I tried to kiss
a 20-year old
kid.

He
rejected
me.



He
rejected
me.



AND
TRIES TO
HAVE HIS
WAY WITH
ME...

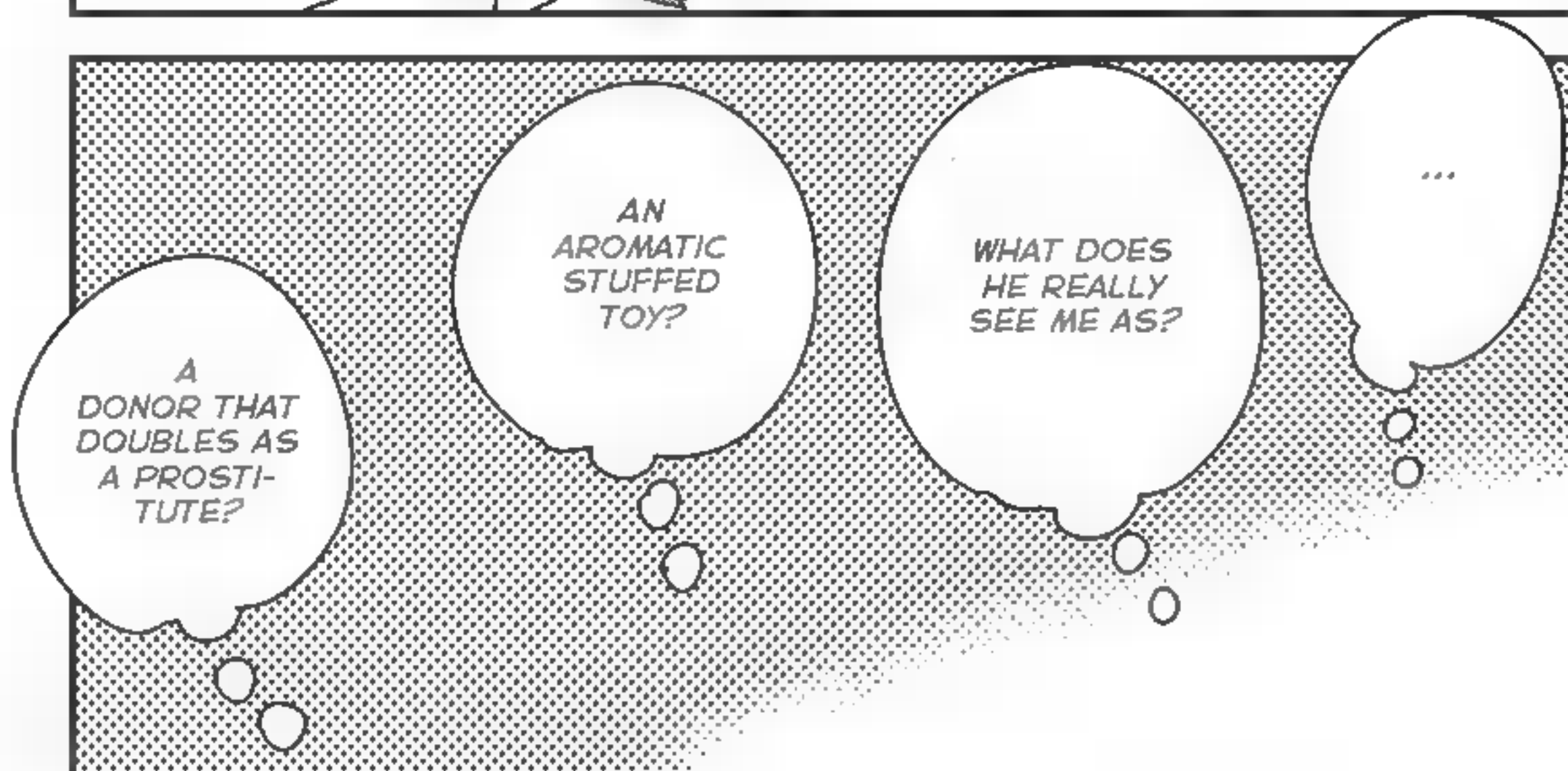
AND
KISSES
ME.

HE
HUGS ME
WHENEVER
HE GETS A
CHANCE.

THEN WHAT
DOES THIS
ALL MEAN?!



Wow, I'm
pretty shaken
by this.

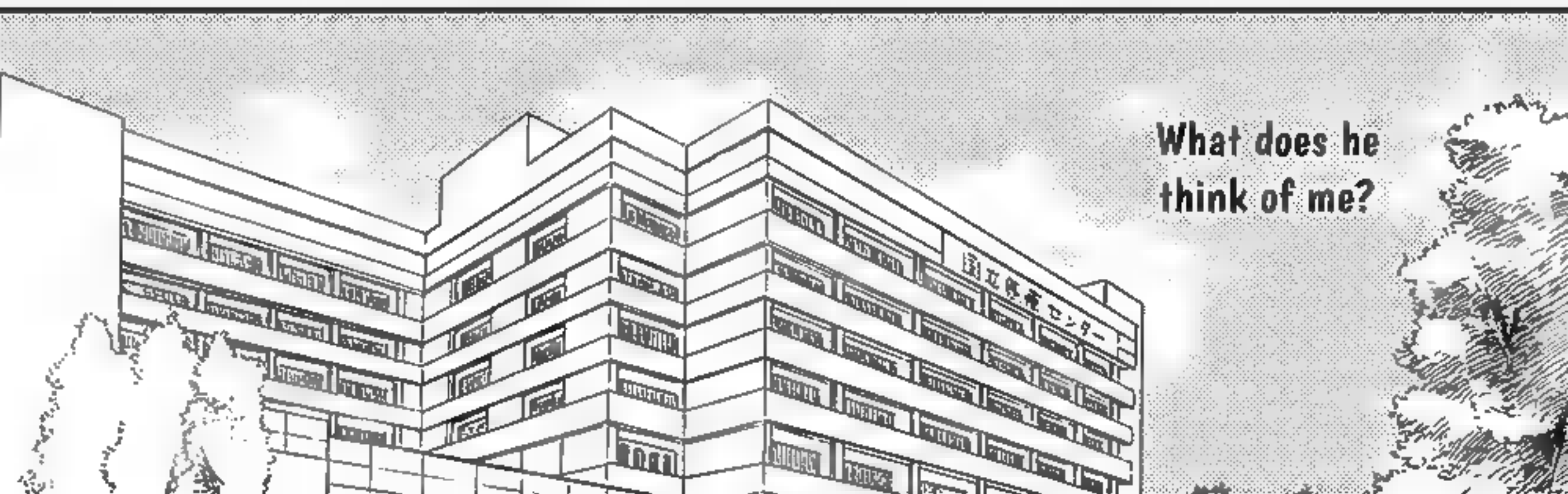


A
DONOR THAT
DOUBLES AS
A PROSTI-
TUTE?

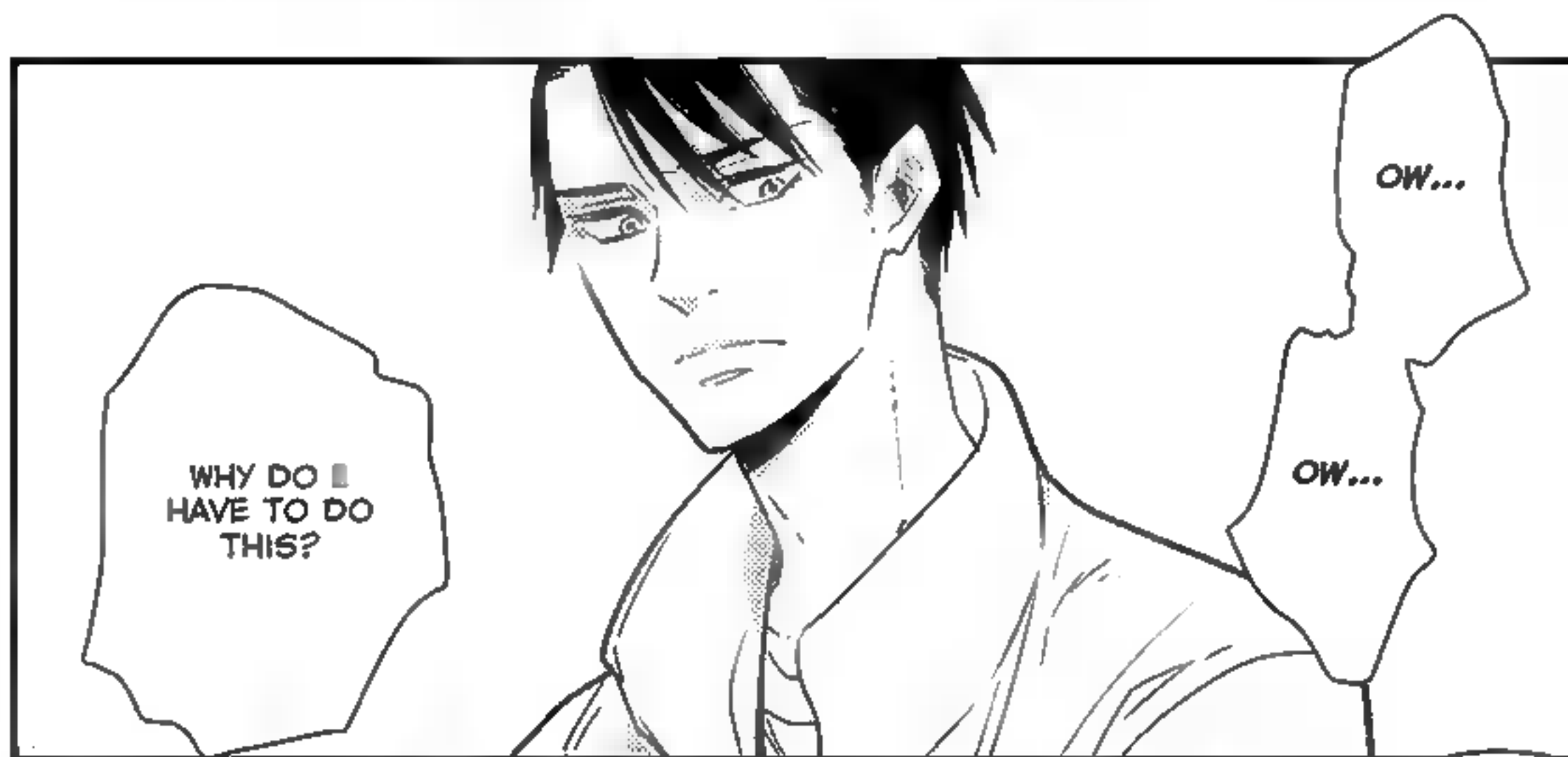
AN
AROMATIC
STUFFED
TOY?

WHAT DOES
HE REALLY
SEE ME AS?

...



What does he
think of me?



WHY DO I
HAVE TO DO
THIS?

OW...

OW...



IT WENT
ALL THE WAY
DOWN FROM
THE MIDDLE
OF HIS BACK
TO HIS BUTT.

THAT'S
KAMIOKA'S
DONOR. HE'S
DONATING
HIS FLESH.

THE
PAINKILLERS
WILL BE
HERE
SOON.

OH,
KAMIOKA.
HE WAS
BURNED
PRETTY
BADLY.



YOU
WANT TO
CANCEL...



...YOUR
PARTNERSHIP
WITH YOUR
DONOR?



IS IT
DOABLE?

YES.



YOU MUST
SATISFY THREE
REQUIREMENTS.

**3. If the
donor passes
away.**

**2. If ■ Ikigami's
injuries cannot be
healed even with
organ transplants.**

**1. If
the ikigami
passes away.**

SO EITHER
HE OR I HAVE
TO DIE?

IN OTHER
WORDS, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
CANCEL THE
CONTRACT.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



HOW'S
KIDOU
BEEN
DOING,
LATELY?

HAS
HE SAID
ANYTHING
ABOUT
ME?

WHERE
ARE THEY
FIGHTING
TODAY?

...

HAS
HE BEEN
GETTING
INJURED?



...YOU ARE,
KIDOU'S
DONOR.

■ WOULD NOT
RECOMMEND
BEING TOO
ATTACHED TO
THE IKIGAMI.

YOU'VE
CHANGED,
YOSHINO-SAN.



YOU
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENS.

IF KIDOU
SUSTAINS A
SERIOUS
INJURY...



AND IT IS
YOUR DUTY TO
DONATE YOUR
TISSUE TOO.


A DONOR IS
REQUIRED TO
PROVIDE AS MANY
ORGANS AS THEY
CAN, GIVEN THEY
DON'T DIE.



IKIGAMI ARE
AN IRREGULAR
EXISTENCE.

A DONOR'S
HUMAN RIGHTS
AND LIMITATIONS
AND NEED FOR
LEGAL REFORM
ARE A TOPIC OF
DISCUSSION.

WHEN THAT
HAPPENS, DO YOU
STILL THINK YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO SYM-
PATHIZE WITH
KIDOU THEN?



THEY
CAN FLY AND
HAVE MON-
STROUS
STRENGTH.

THEY
CANNOT BE
INJURED BY
KNIVES, OR
GUNS OR
TANKS.

YOU
CANNOT
DAMAGE
AN IKIGAMI.

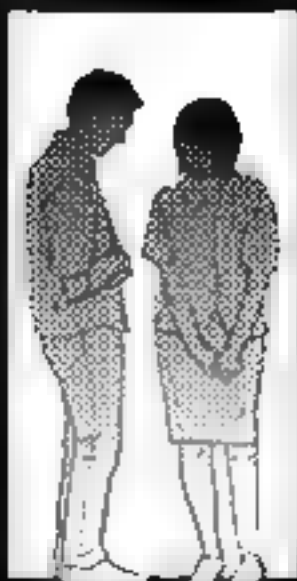
THE ONLY
ONES WHO
CAN INFLICT
DAMAGE ARE
ITS FELLOW
IKIGAMI.

But if they
catch a small
cold, it becomes
pneumonia.

Anesthesia and
fever medicine
don't work on
them.

We learn that the child
is an ikigami when a
mother brings her child
to the hospital, unable
to stop its bleeding.

IT'S NOT RARE
FOR CASES OF
NEGLECT TO
POP UP
EITHER.



IKIGAMI ARE
JUDGED WHEN
THEY ARE
YOUNG.

IF WE'RE NOT
CAREFUL, THEY
CAN HURT US,
AND IN TURN,
WE CAN HURT
THEM.

WE CANNOT SEE
OUR CHILDREN
IN PAIN.

BUT WE
REALIZE HOW
SMALL WE
ARE.

THEY DON'T
LOOK MUCH
DIFFERENT
FROM US,

IT IS
DIFFICULT
FOR OUR
SOCIETY TO
ADAPT TO
THAT.

IKIGAMI
ARE TOO
ABNORMAL.

WHETHER
IT'S A NORMAL
PERSON...OR
EVEN A FAMILY
MEMBER...

IT WOULD BE
TIRING TO LIVE
WITH IKIGAMI.



BUT,

THAT'S
ALSO WHY
DONORS
ARE THE
ONLY ONES
WHO CAN
LIVE WITH
IKIGAMI.

IF I'M BY
HIS SIDE,

THEN
KIDOU
CAN LIVE
A NORMAL
LIFE.

IF I'M
WITH HIM,



THEN
KIDOU
WON'T
SUFFER...

THAT'S IF
THERE DIDN'T
EXIST PEOPLE
WHO USE THE
IKIGAMI.

I HEARD THEY
TOOK DOWN
AN UNMANNED
PATROL JET?

OVER TEN.

HOW MANY
IKIGAMI ARE
THERE?

Taki
(25)

Tanaka
(18)

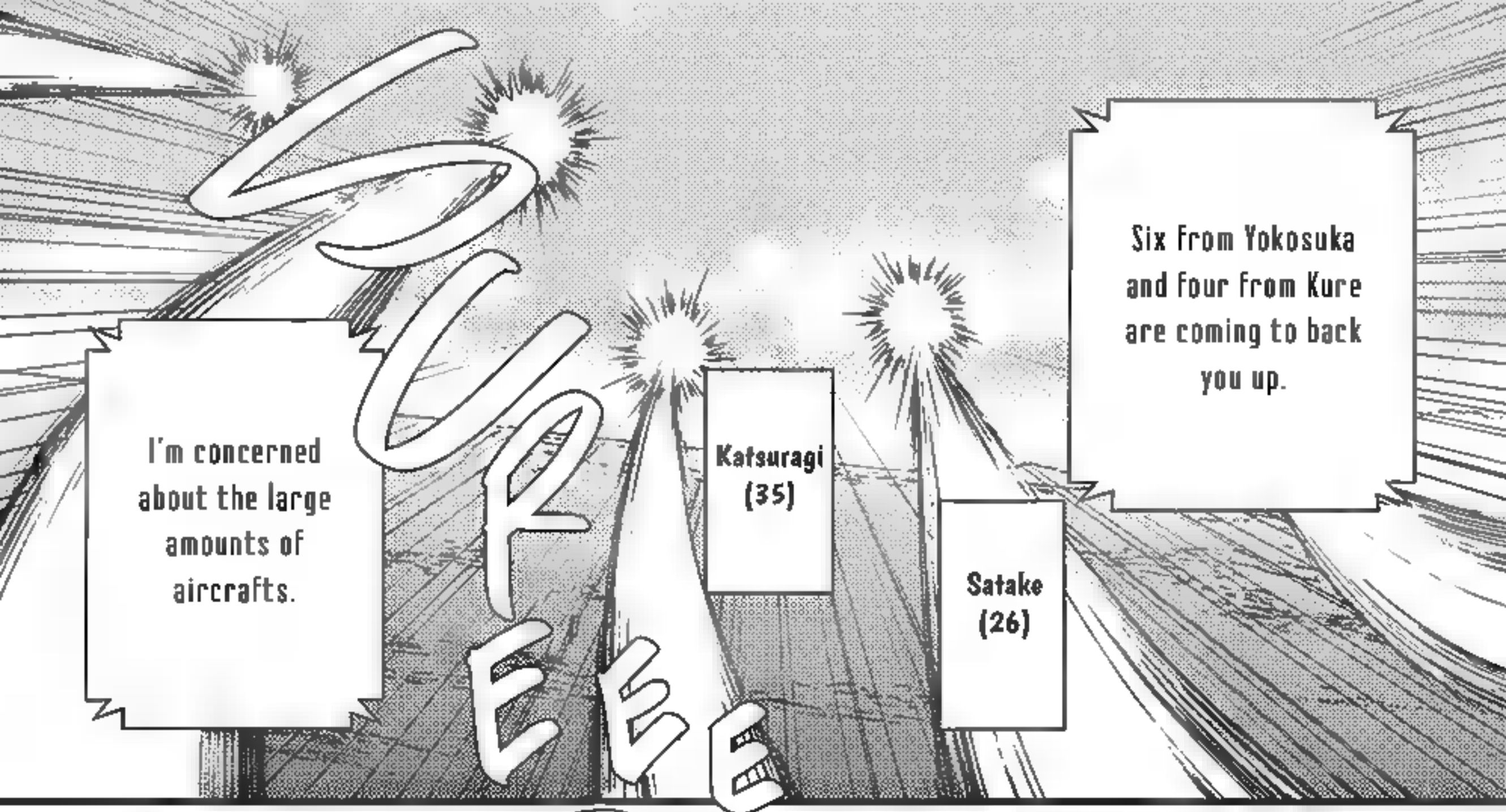
BUT WE'VE
ONLY GOT
FIVE OF US.

WHAT?

It's about
10 - 14. We're
unsure how
many exactly.

THAT'S A
LOT. GIVE
ME AN
EXACT
NUMBER.

Kidou
(20)



I'm concerned
about the large
amounts of
aircrafts.

Katsuragi
(35)

Satake
(26)

Six from Yokosuka
and four from Kure
are coming to back
you up.



WHAT
ABOUT
BOMBER
PLANES?

...standing
by.

The EP-3 is
heading in
from the
outskirts...
To guide
them...



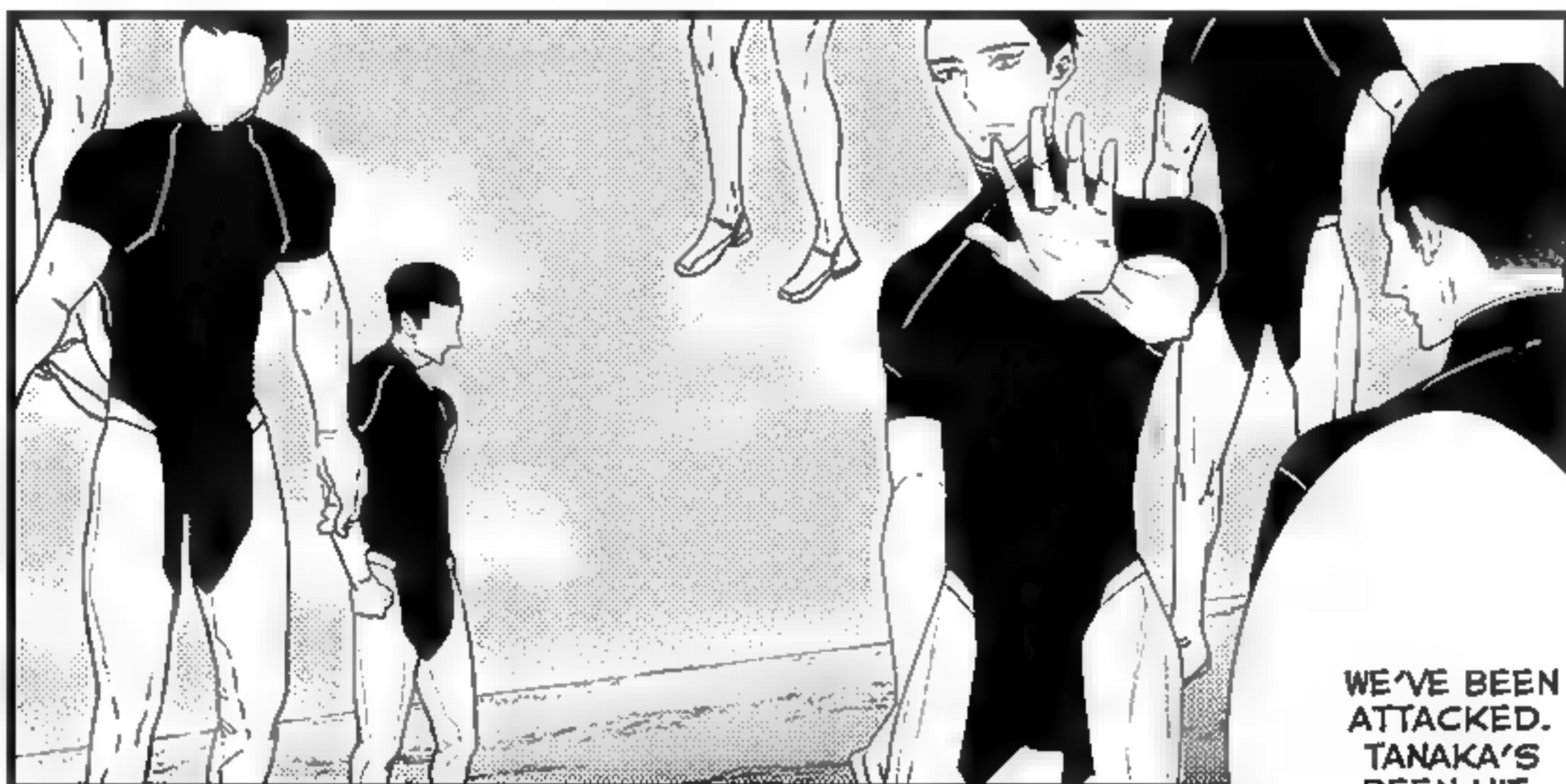
TANAKA,
DUCK!

whisp

THEY'RE
TELLING US
TO GO FOR
IT.

Wait for
reinforce-
ments.





WE'VE BEEN
ATTACKED.
TANAKA'S
BEEN HIT.

How
many?

I CAN SEE
FOURTEEN.

NGH!

IT'S
ALMOST
LIKE
THEY'RE
A TROOP
MOVING
AS ONE.

BUT
THEY'RE
ALL
HIGHLY
SKILLED.

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN A
SQUAD
SO IN
SYNC!

IT'S ONE
THING IF
THERE'S
A LOT OF
THEM,



And
Kure in seven
minutes!

The Yokosuka
team estimated
arrival is five
minutes!

WHERE'S
THE
BACKUP?



EVEN IF WE
HAVE FOUR OR
FIVE GUYS, WE
CAN'T SAVE
TANAKA.

THEY'LL
BEGIN PICKING
OFF THE WEAK
LINKS ONE BY
ONE.

SHOULD
WE SPLIT
UP?

NO.



WHAT TO
DO...

WHAT TO
DO...





...

MAN,
WHAT NIMBLE
BASTARDS.



...

WHICH
MAKES
THINGS
EASIER
FOR US!

AND
ANOTHER
SET OF
ORGANS!

THAT
MEANS
YOU'VE
STILL GOT
A SUPPLY
OF TWO
MORE
EYES,

HEY YOU.
YOU'VE
GOT A
DONOR,
RIGHT?

GOOD
FOR
YOU!



THEN I'LL
TAKE THE
KIDNEYS.

I GOT
THE EYES.

I'M GOING
FOR YOUR
HEART.

BETTER
APOLO-
GIZE
TO THE
DONOR.

"THAT'S
KAMIOKA'S
DONOR.
HE'S
DONATING
HIS
FLESH."

"WHY DO
I HAVE
TO DO
THIS..."



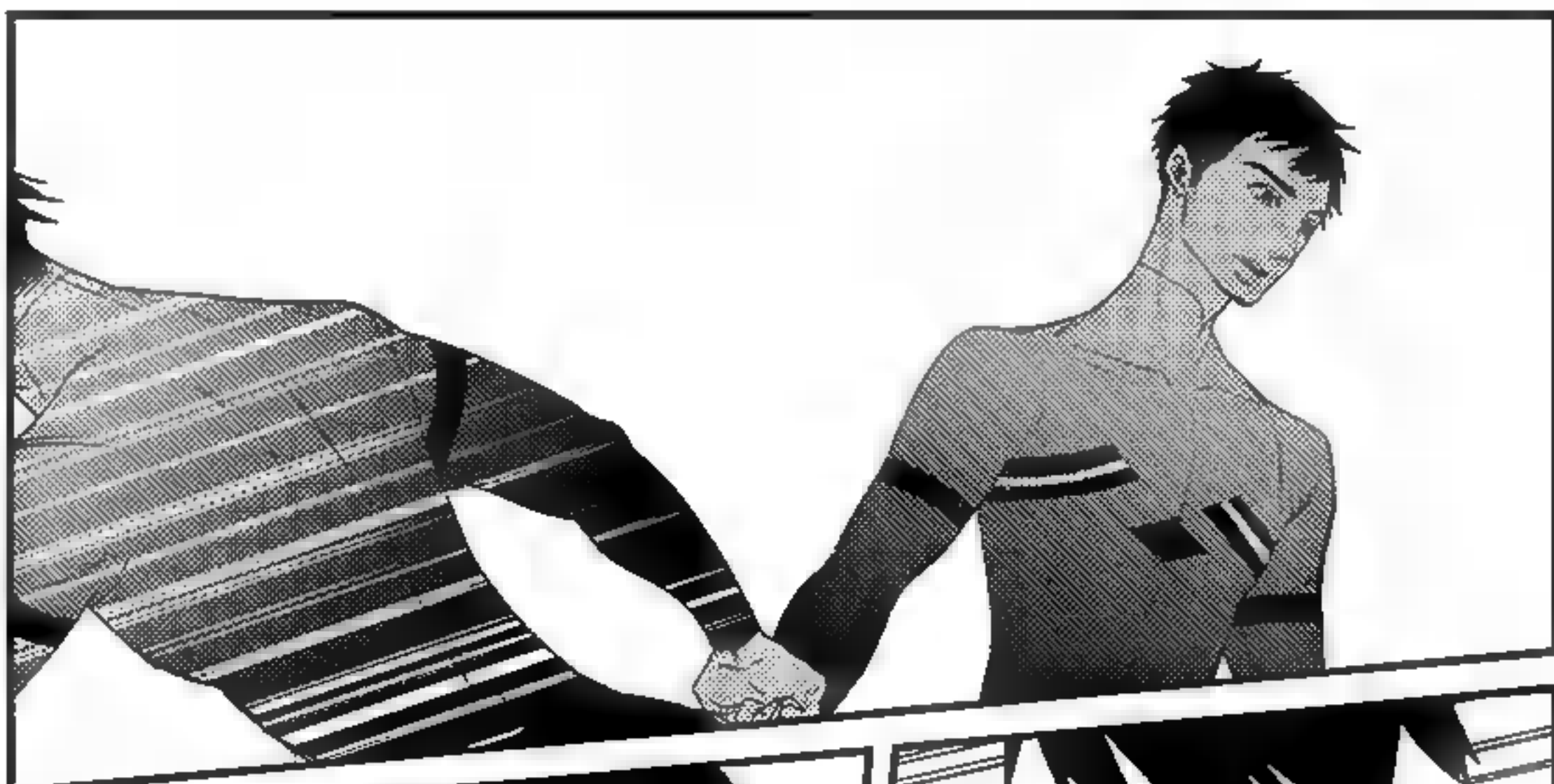
Kidou...



SHUDDER

Kidou...?!





(COME
BACK!

NOW! GO
FOR THE
SMALL
ONE!



TANAKA...!



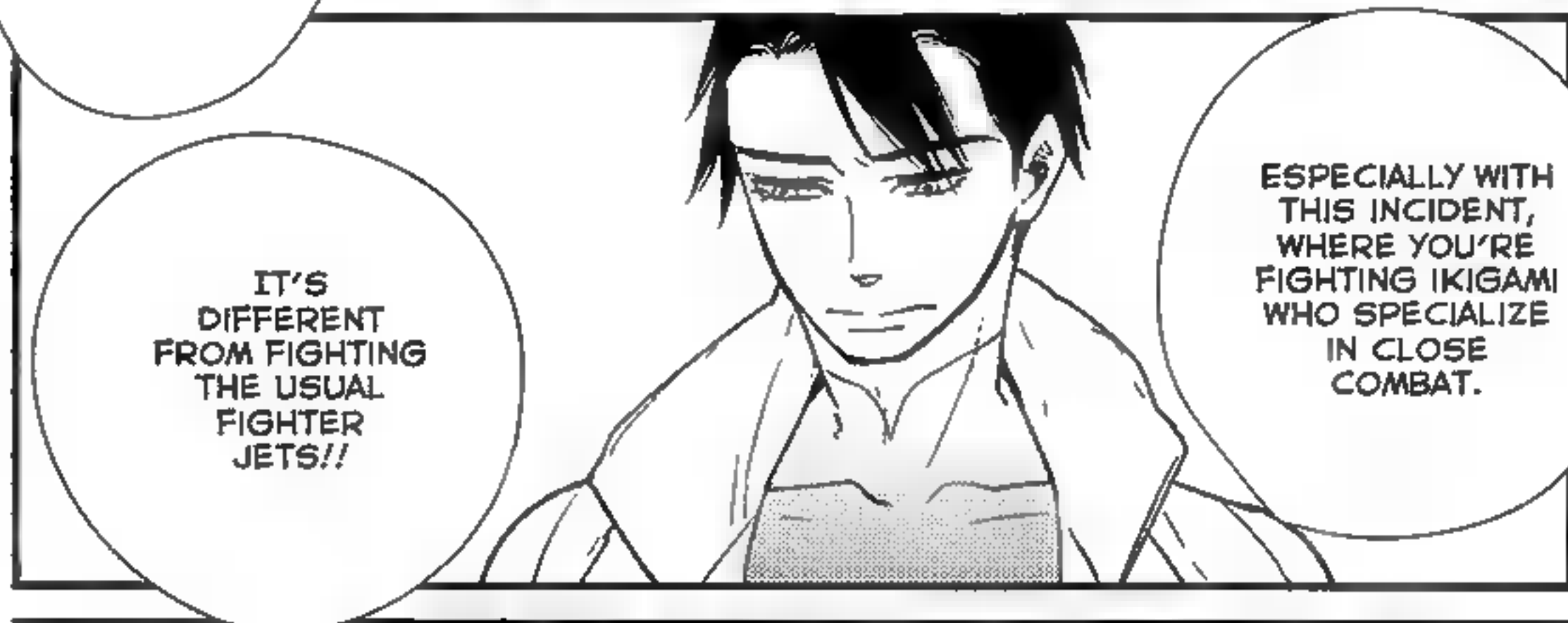




OR ELSE
THE MID
SECTION
WON'T BE
ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING.

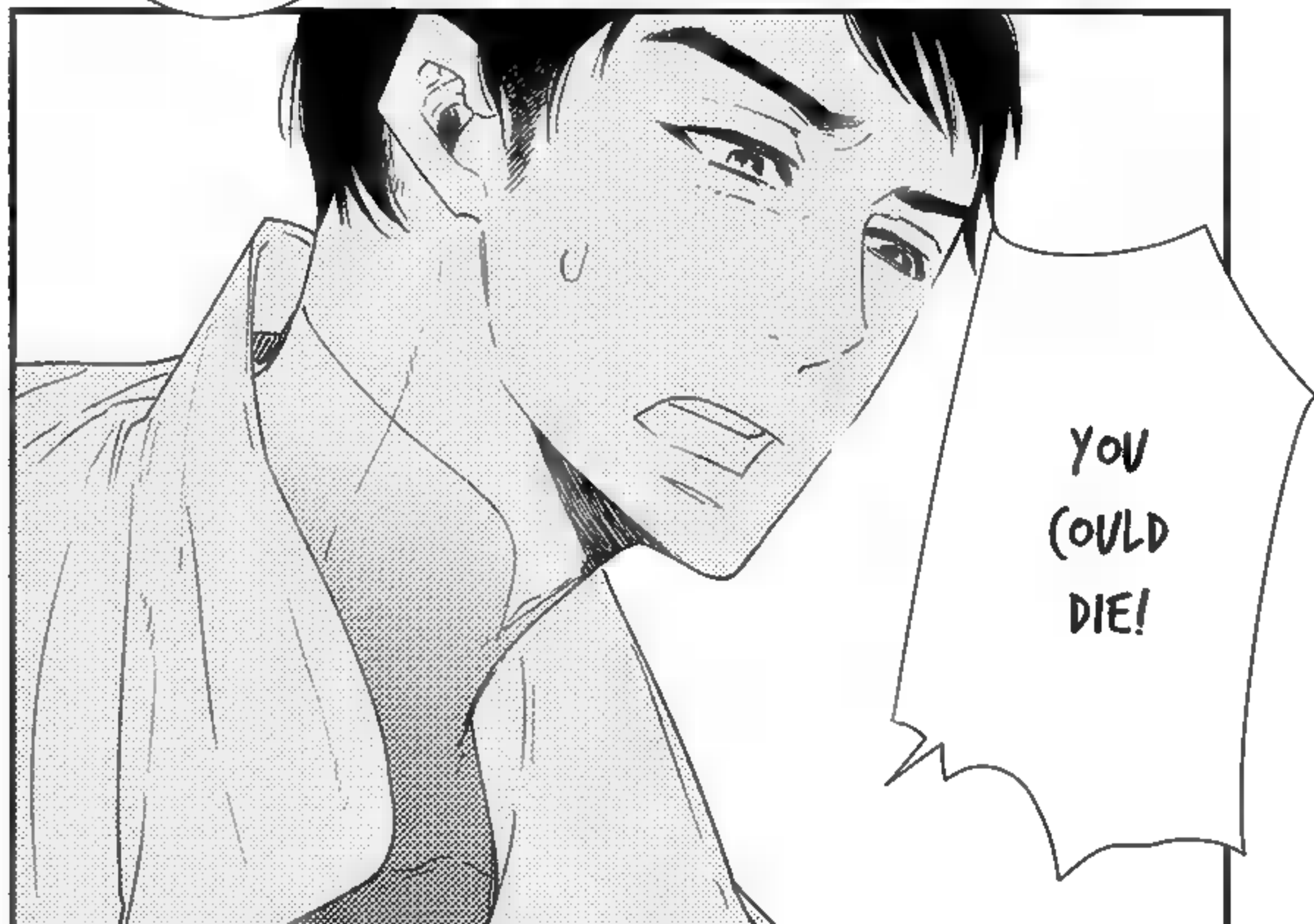
YOU, AS
THE VANGUARD,
HAVE A ROLE TO
ATTACK THE
ENEMY AND
DISTRACT
THEM.

OUR
DEFENSE
FORMATION
IS A TEAM
EFFORT.



IT'S
DIFFERENT
FROM FIGHTING
THE USUAL
FIGHTER
JETS!!

ESPECIALLY WITH
THIS INCIDENT,
WHERE YOU'RE
FIGHTING IKIGAMI
WHO SPECIALIZE
IN CLOSE
COMBAT.



YOU
COULD
DIE!



THAT'S
ENOUGH,
KATSURAGI-
KUN.



IF YOU
CAN'T DO
YOUR JOB,
THEN YOU
BETTER
LEAVE THE
TEAM!



TANAKA-
KUN AND
SATOKE-KUN,
PLEASE HEAD
TO THE
MEDICAL
CENTER.

KIDOU-
KUN, WE WILL
DISCUSS
THIS IN THE
MEETING
TOMORROW.



KIDOU, DID
YOU...



...THAT'S
ALL OF US.

THOSE
WHO REQUIRE
TREATMENT,
THIS WAY.



Are
you hurt,
papa?



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?



Papa!



I'M FINE!

I'M
FINE! IT'S
JUST A
SCRATCH!



MOM, DAD.

YOU DID
SO WELL,
TSUTOMU...







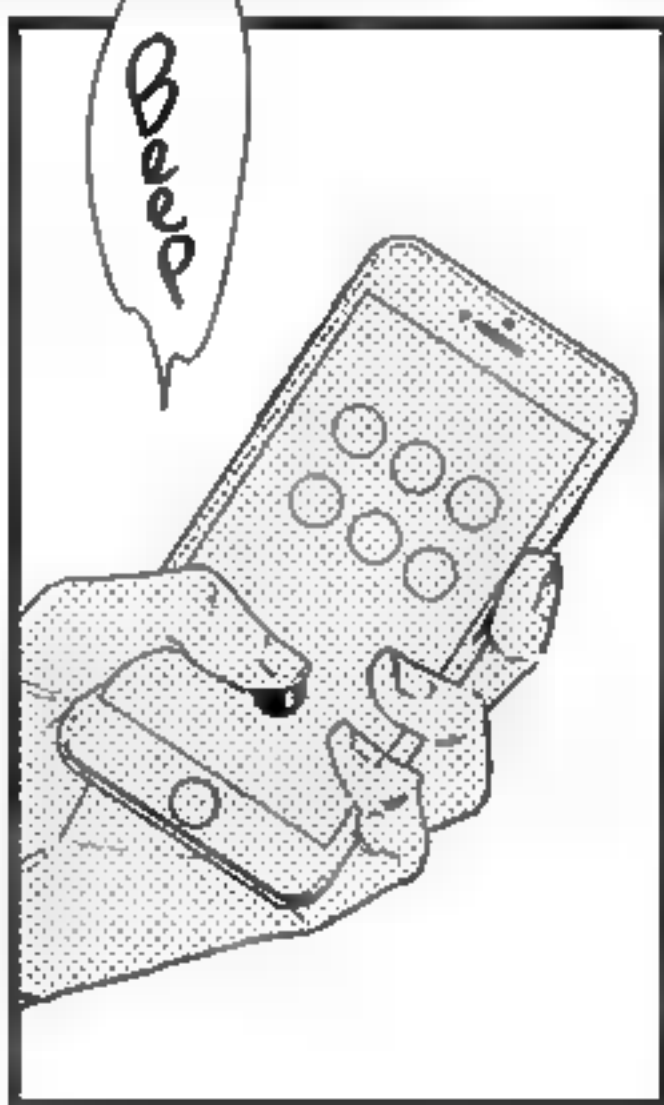
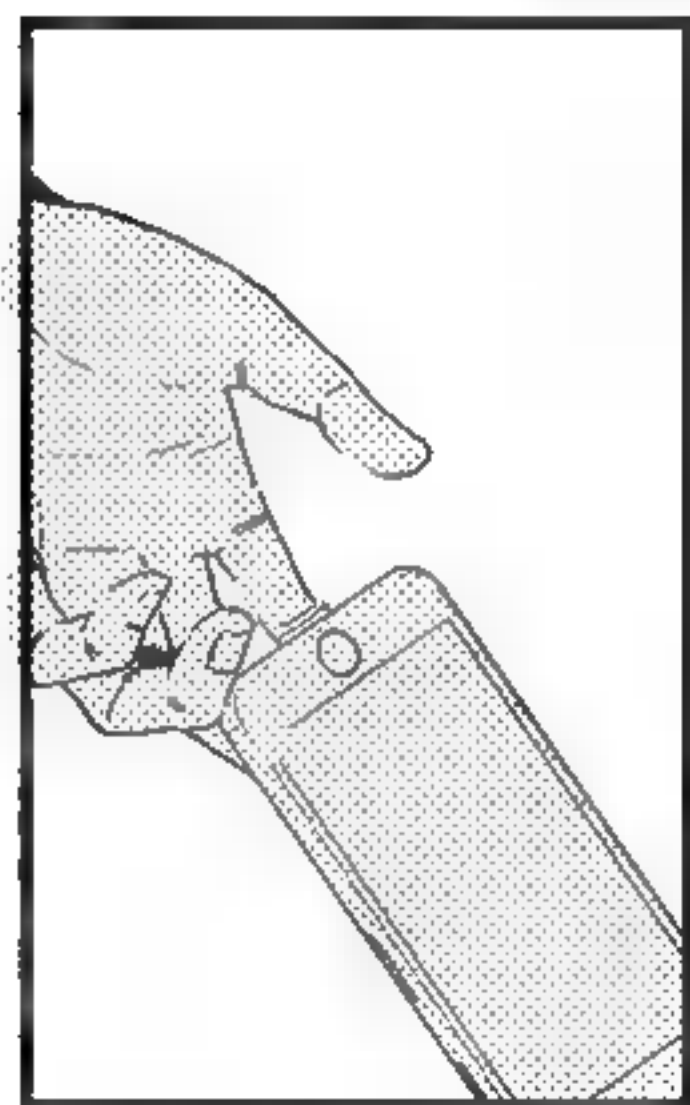
...I'LL BE
STAYING
HERE THIS
HOLIDAY.



I'VE GOT
MISSIONS.



...





LET
GO...

I
CAN JUST
TAKE THE
BLOOD.

AREN'T
YOU HURT?
LET'S GO
BACK TO
YOUR ROOM
FOR TREAT-
MENT.

IT'S
YEAR-END. WE
DON'T WANT
TO BOTHER
THE STAFF.

DON'T
COME
NEAR
ME!

WE'LL BE
TOGETHER!



IT'S FINE
FOR ME TO
STAY WITH
YOU.

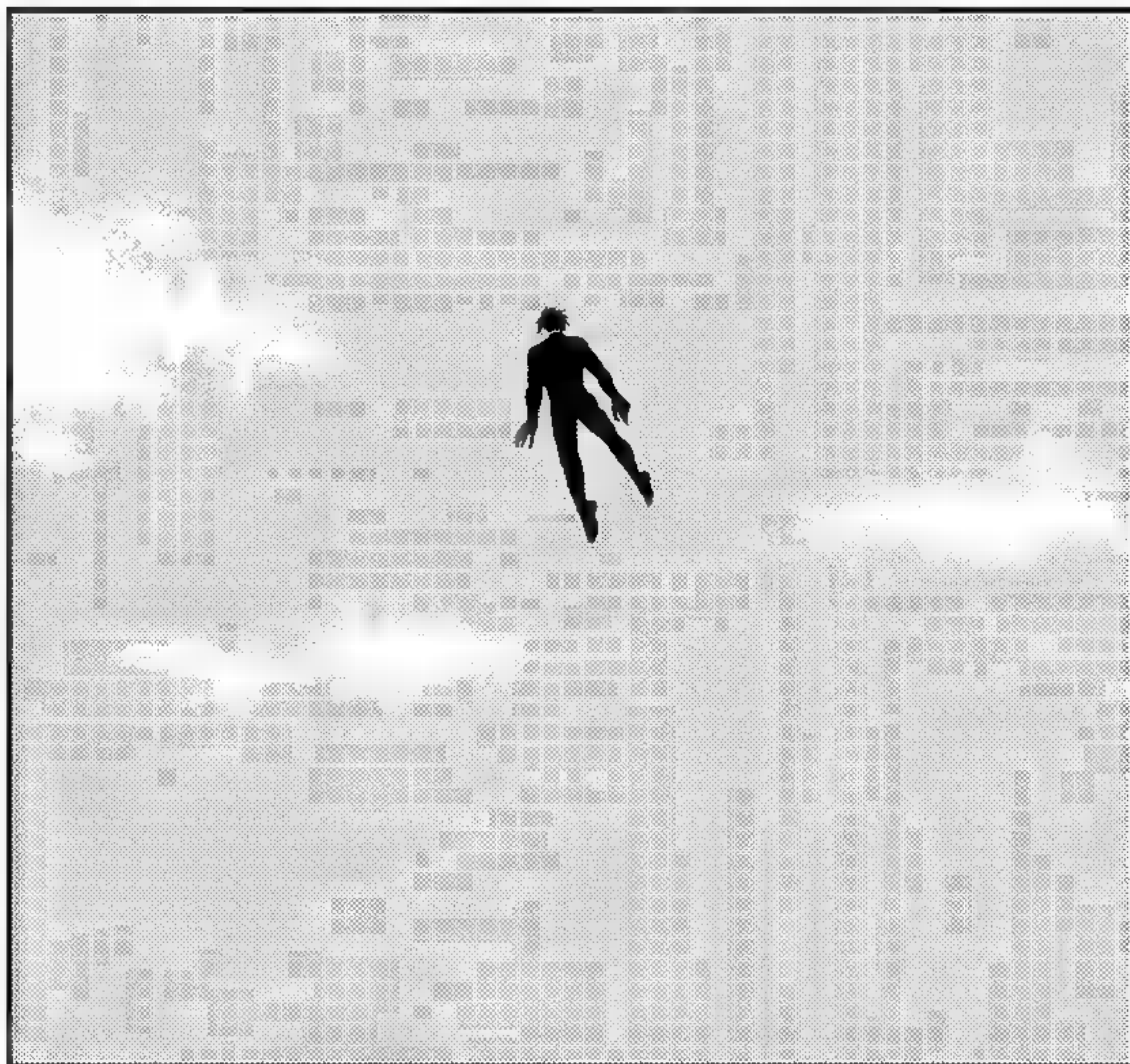
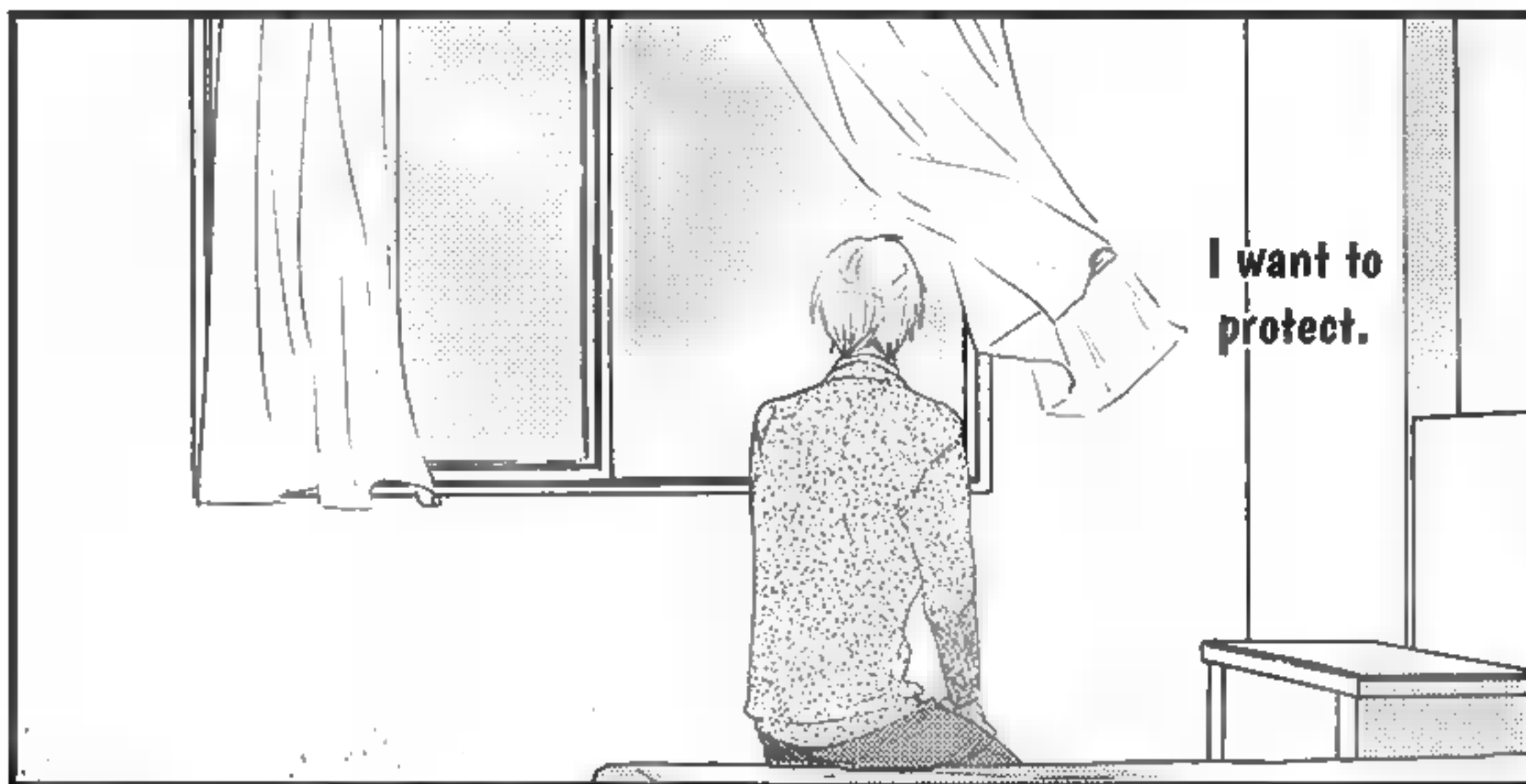


COME ON,
JUST FOR
TODAY.



WHAT HAVE
YOU BEEN
FIGHTING
FOR THIS
WHOLE
TIME?

I don't have
anything...







WHEN I'M WITH
YOU, MY HEART
RATE GOES UP.



HOW
ABOUT
YOU?

WE BETTER
NOT COME
CLOSE TO
EACH OTHER
CARELESSLY.



I'VE FELT
LIKE THIS
SINCE WE
MET.

...NGH.

H-

AH.

PUSH

WAI-...

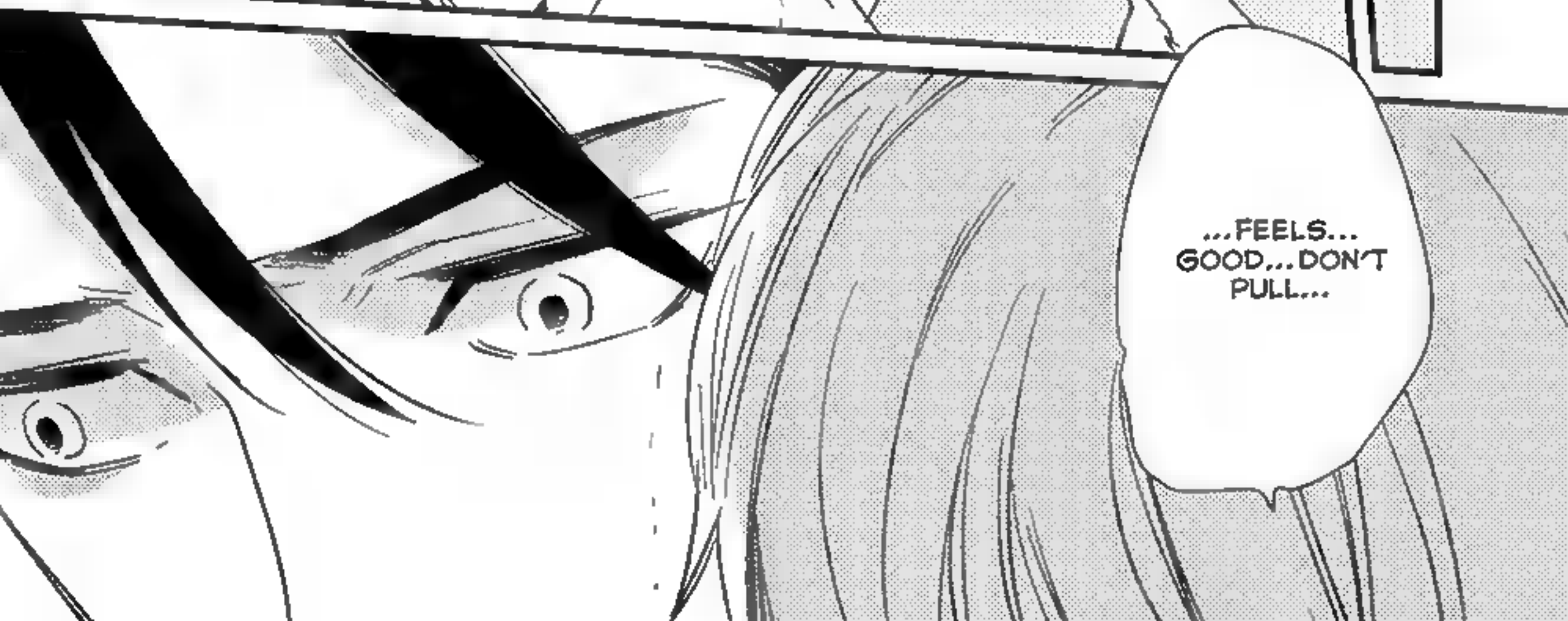
HA

Squick

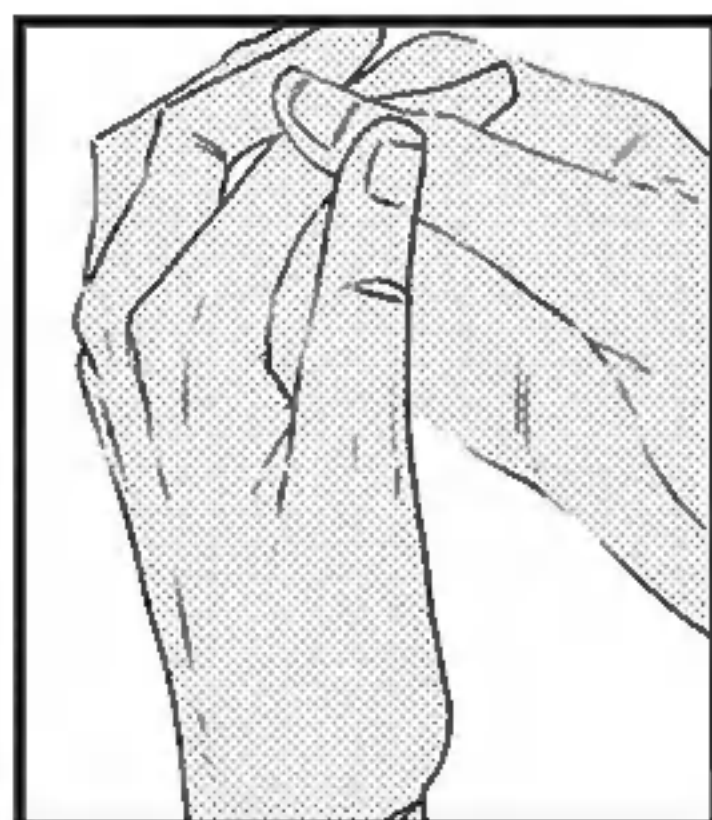
Squick

HA...









IF IN ANY
FUTURE
FIGHTS,

I SEE.
BUT,

kiss

...NO.

I POP
INTO YOUR
MIND...

I'LL
GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING
I HAVE.

I WILL
HEAL YOU.

I DON'T
CARE HOW
INJURED
YOU GET.

YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO
THINK
ABOUT
IT.



BECAUSE
I WANT TO
PROTECT
YOU.

Protect you,
who doesn't
have anything
you want to
protect.



I WANT TO
PROTECT
YOU.